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## County GOP hands out scholarships

The Oakland County Republican Party recently awarded \$2,500 to exceptional students as part of the 2017 Lincoln Scholarship Program.

» Molly Wagner, a 2017 graduate of Shrine Catholic High School in Royal Oak, was selected as the first-place \$1,000 Lincoln Scholarship winner.

» Aubreigh Wachowski, a 2017 summa cum laude graduate of Troy Athens High School, received the second-place \$500 Lincoln Scholarship award for her excellent submission.

» Cory Dubin's exceptionally written poem titled "The Great Fight" earned him the prestigious \$1,000 Pam Williams Memorial Award from the Oakland County Republican Party. Dubin, a graduate of Lakeland High School, plans to pursue a political science major at the University of Michigan.

## Democrats to meet

The Democrats of West Oakland County host its next meeting Tuesday, July 18, at Novi United Methodist Church. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to [www.dwoc.info](http://www.dwoc.info) or find the group on Facebook: Democrats of West Oakland County. Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile.

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# Tipping Point Theatre announces schedule

Tipping Point Theatre in Northville has announced its schedule for 2017-18, the theater company's 11th season. TPT is located at 361 E. Cady Street in Northville, just one block off of Main Street. Founded in 2007, it is a not-for-profit, professional live theater company, dedicated to producing plays that excite, enlighten and enrich audiences. Its mission is to foster human interactions and relations, creating a unifying, yet personal experience through affordable, professional theater performances and community outreach. For more information

call 248-347-0003 or go to [www.tippingpointtheatre.com](http://www.tippingpointtheatre.com). Season passes are on sale. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, with matinees at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. It also offers one or two Wednesday matinees for each of its six productions. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$46. Plays for the upcoming season include:  
» "Boeing Boeing," by Marc Camoletti (translated by Beverley Cross and Francis Evans), Sept. 14 through Oct. 22.



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See THEATER, Page A2    Northville's Tipping Point Theatre is on Cady Street.



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Two-year-old Adalyn and her 17-year-old mom Kennedy Griest share a kiss as they build Play-doh sculptures at their Green Oak Township home.

# Trying to beat the odds as teen mom

Brighton girl, 17, goes through trials and tribulations after giving birth to her daughter as a 14-year-old high school freshman

**Laura Colvin**  
Livingston Daily

*The towheaded toddler plants one palm on each of her mother's cheeks. "This is my mama," the girl says, as if showing off her most prized possession.*  
*For two hours, 2½-year-old Adalyn and her mom, 17-year-old Kennedy Griest, sit side-by-side making Play-doh sculptures while Kennedy talks candidly – spelling out words she deems unsuitable for small ears – about the shock of learning she was pregnant, about the classmates who bullied and harassed her and about the everyday trials and triumphs as she balances motherhood with high school.*  
*She is determined to beat the odds and defy the statistics.*

It was 2014, the summer leading up to her freshman year. Griest, then 14, was at a pool party with other popular kids from Scranton Middle

School in Brighton. Another girl snapped a photo, posted it to social media and added some commentary.  
"She said, 'Oh my God, look. Kennedy's pregnant,'" Griest said. "People started asking and I was, like, 'No, I'm not. There's no way.'"  
Griest and her then-boyfriend had been dating for more than a year. They began having sex when they were both 13. She knew how babies were made and says they were using condoms.  
Still, as she remembers it, the risk of pregnancy never crossed her mind.  
She didn't think she looked pregnant in the photo and she didn't feel pregnant — at least she didn't think she did. In hindsight, the symptoms seem clear.  
Like during the eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C., when she mistook morning sickness for the flu. Or the

missed menstrual cycles – nothing new for a young athlete. Or the bouts of crying and changes in her young body, which she and her mother both attributed to puberty.  
"It was all normal girl changes, so I didn't even think of (pregnancy)," said Griest, who lives in Green Oak Township. "Then this girl posts this picture and my mom was, like, 'Is there any way you could be?' I (said), 'No. Well, I mean, I guess I could be, but we used protection.'"  
Besides, she said, the timing was off. She and her boyfriend had broken up several months prior and she was seeing someone else. They'd done nothing more than kiss.  
Three home pregnancy tests and a trip to the walk-in clinic proved what she couldn't have imagined just hours earlier.

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# 48 cats seized from Plymouth hoarder

HSHV looking for prospective adopters

Over the past two weeks, the Humane Society of Huron Valley has rescued nearly 50 cats from a hoarding situation in Plymouth and is desperately seeking adopters.  
It was a horrible situation that went on for decades, according to some neighbors. Many of the cats were very sick. There were remains of dead animals saved in plastic containers and a hot tub was filled with feces. Although dozens of complaints were made, no action was taken until recently, when area officials and the new property management asked HSHV to rescue the cats. (HSHV's jurisdiction to enforce animal cruelty laws does not include Plymouth.)  
"It is regrettable that this situation went on for so long," said Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV's president and CEO. "The conditions that go along with animal hoarding violate state animal cruelty laws and cause immense suffering for the animals. It also indicates that a person with serious mental health issues is not getting the help they need. Animal hoarding should always be taken seriously and unfortunately requires criminal prosecution to ensure that necessary treatment and monitoring is provided. Sadly, all went without help for a very long time."  
"These cats are real survivors and have withstood horrid conditions I doubt many of us could," said Michele Baxter, HSHV's cruelty and rescue manager. "We hope the public will come forward to adopt them and give them the loving care they deserve."  
Baxter and the HSHV cruelty investigators pulled

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# Work begins on next-generation Art Van store

Officials say it will be unlike any other in Michigan

**Darrell Clem**  
hometownlife.com

Preliminary work has begun in Canton on the site of what Art Van Furniture officials say will be a new store like none other in Michigan.

Diane Charles, the company's vice president of corporate communications, said earlier this month the two-story, 71,187-square-foot store

is on target to open late this year or early next year on the south side of Ford Road, west of Haggerty, across from Michigan's only IKEA.

"Everything is on schedule," she said.

Art Van is expanding as some retailers are shrinking — a move that appears to bode well for the Michigan company. The Canton store will employ about 60 workers.

"After 58 years, people know Art Van isn't going anywhere," Charles said.

To that end, Art Van also is remodeling the

former Hillside Furniture store it bought in Bloomfield Township and planning to open another store on a 45,000-square-foot, former Kmart site in Rochester Hills, Charles said, though work there has not yet begun.

Canton's store reflects a next-generation Art Van store and marks the first time the company has built a completely new store in Michigan in nearly 20 years.

"What makes the Canton store so special is that it's being built new from the ground up," Charles said.

It will carry Magnolia home furniture by Joanna Gaines of HGTV fame and will feature an Art Van PureSleep mattress section inside the store, Scott Shuptrine Interiors

and a clearance center for budget-conscious customers, among other amenities. It also will broaden the company's selection of modern and urban furniture styles, Charles said.

Project manager Lana Vrabel has said the Canton site will become a "flagship store" in Michigan, due to its new design.

Art Van confirmed its plans last year and is moving ahead after Canton's elected leaders approved a site plan for the project. The store is being built after work crews demolished a former medical office building fronting Ford Road and, behind that, a vacant, two-story structure that once housed businesses and a racquetball club.



Work has begun on the site of what will be an Art Van Furniture store unlike any other in Michigan.

Some Canton residents have voiced ongoing concerns about Ford Road traffic congestion, but Art Van hopes to help traffic flow by lining up its driveway with an existing IKEA traffic

light.

Charles has called the Ford Road corridor "a great location."

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## CATS

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the cats from an elderly man's dilapidated trailer home in which he was living with the cats. The man has been relocated, and the trailer was scheduled for demolition last week.

Lynx Point Siamese mixes, grey tabbies, brown tabbies and more are available for adoption at HSHV. All of them have been spayed or

neutered, microchipped and provided with much-needed medical treatment. While some could be house cats, the majority of the rescued cats are not equipped for indoor life. These "barn cats" are free to qualified adopters.

"Adopting a barn cat can be a mutually beneficial relationship," said Jessica Vankoningsveld, feline behavior specialist at HSHV. "You're saving the life of a sterilized cat, while they help scare off

pesky rodents. They can help protect the perimeter of your home or the area where you keep horse or chicken feed — we've even heard people report that barn cats are what keep their town mice-free. Plus, barn cats can make great companions for people and other farm animals. Many barn cats become more social and friendly over time and, though we can't say for certain with these cats, some 'barn cats' end up as house cats."

HSHV requires that

barn cat adopters provide a safe, permanent shelter with an area of weather-proof covering, a continuous supply of fresh food and water, acclimation time to the area and veterinary care when required.

To apply to adopt a free barn cat, go to [www.hshv.org/barncat](http://www.hshv.org/barncat) application. You will be contacted within two business days. HSHV is open for adoptions seven days a week.

## THEATER

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A Tony Award-winning non-stop comedy.

» "Office Hours," by Norm Foster, Nov. 16 through Dec. 23. A mad-

cap race toward quitting time. Michigan premiere.

» "Every Brilliant Thing," by Duncan Macmillan with Jonny Donahoe, Jan. 18 through Feb. 25, 2018. A hopeful tale of overcoming life's hurdles. A Michigan premiere.

» "Ripcord," by David Lindsay-Abaire, March 22 through April 22, 2018. A dangerously funny battle of wills.

» "Northern Aggression," by Joseph Zettelmaier, May 17 through June 24, 2018. A not-so-Civil War for two Yan-

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# MDEQ: Contaminated site needs environmental testing

**Darrell Clem**  
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A contaminated former industrial site in Plymouth needs a new round of environmental testing to determine whether a solvent, once used by a company that made industrial baskets, could potentially pose health risks to nearby residents.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality already knows from soil tests conducted in 2012 that elevated levels of TCE, or trichloroethylene, have been found on the former Bathey Manufacturing Co. site, at North Mill and Amelia, MDEQ geologist Brandon Alger said.

However, those tests didn't include soil gas samples that Alger said are needed to determine whether TCE has made its way into nearby homes and, if so, to what extent.

"We have no idea if there is an indoor impact at this point," he said, adding later, "If there is a risk, we want to know yesterday."

Elevated levels of lead and arsenic also have been found on the Bathey property, but Alger said no immediate threat is expected because the site is fenced off to keep people out. However, he said, all contaminants would need to be addressed as part of any remediation plan prior to any potential new development.

Bathey Manufacturing was in business for decades in Plymouth and made industrial baskets to hold auto parts while they were plated or chemically treated. It closed about 30 years ago.

Alger said TCE has become a growing concern over the years. Ac-



MDEQ is concerned about chemicals in the soil at the site of the former Bathey Manufacturing.

cording to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, long-term exposure to TCE can potentially lead to health problems such as kidney and liver damage and, possibly, cancer.

The property has had several owners, including the city of Plymouth, which received it for non-payment of taxes and sold it a decade ago for about \$2.4 million. The 15-acre site is now owned by MCPT SMILL, a limited liability company whose agent is Patrick Tortoro.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincock has said the city no longer has any authority or jurisdiction over the property. Mayor Dan Dwyer agreed, though he

said local officials want MDEQ to follow through on any remediation needed at the site.

"I would expect and hope that they would do that," Dwyer said. "I'm not aware of any authority or jurisdiction that the city has on the property, but we absolutely have a vested interest in our residents. We want them to be safe and healthy."

Alger said MDEQ has been in contact with PM Environmental, Inc., a company brought in by the property owner to help with environmental testing efforts. As of Friday, no new samples had been collected.

"But it does appear that the responsible party (the owner) wants to

work in the right direction and see if there is an issue there," Alger said. "Ideally, what we will find is that there is no TCE in the soil gas."

Past soil testing revealed a sample of TCE at elevated levels of 120,000 micrograms per kilogram on the north side of the property, Alger said.

"We have no idea if there is an indoor impact at this point," he said. "When we see 120,000 micrograms in a single soil sample, that's a flag and we need to do more research."

It wasn't immediately known when new testing might be done. Nick Lieder, a staff geologist with PM Environmental, declined to discuss the

issue or even confirm that the company is representing MCPT SMILL.

"We can't comment on anything, whether we are or are not retained by the property owner," he said. "We value their privacy and we couldn't comment on it."

An attempt to reach Tortora through PM Environmental was unsuccessful.

Alger said MDEQ became involved after being contacted by a previous property owner and some citizens.

Dwyer said some residents also previously complained about debris on the Bathey site, prompting the city to order the property owner to clean it up.


Alger described the

Bathey property as "a pretty typical post-industrial, vacant site."

Alger said contaminants on the site shouldn't pose a threat to the municipal water system. He said lead was found on the western part of the property. He said lead and arsenic shouldn't pose an immediate risk with the property being fenced off.

"This isn't a playground," Alger said. "This isn't someone's back yard. It's something that needs to be addressed if the property is developed."

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<b>Thursday, July 27</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital Medical Office Building</b> 1 William Carls Dr, Commerce, MI 48382
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WEDDING

Keenan-Smith

Elizabeth Audrey Keenan and Christof Chiu Smith will be married Saturday, July 15, in Northville at the New School Church in Mill Race Historical Village.

Keenan, originally from Northville, is a 2009 graduate of Northville High School and a 2013 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in chemistry and a National Science Foundation graduate fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

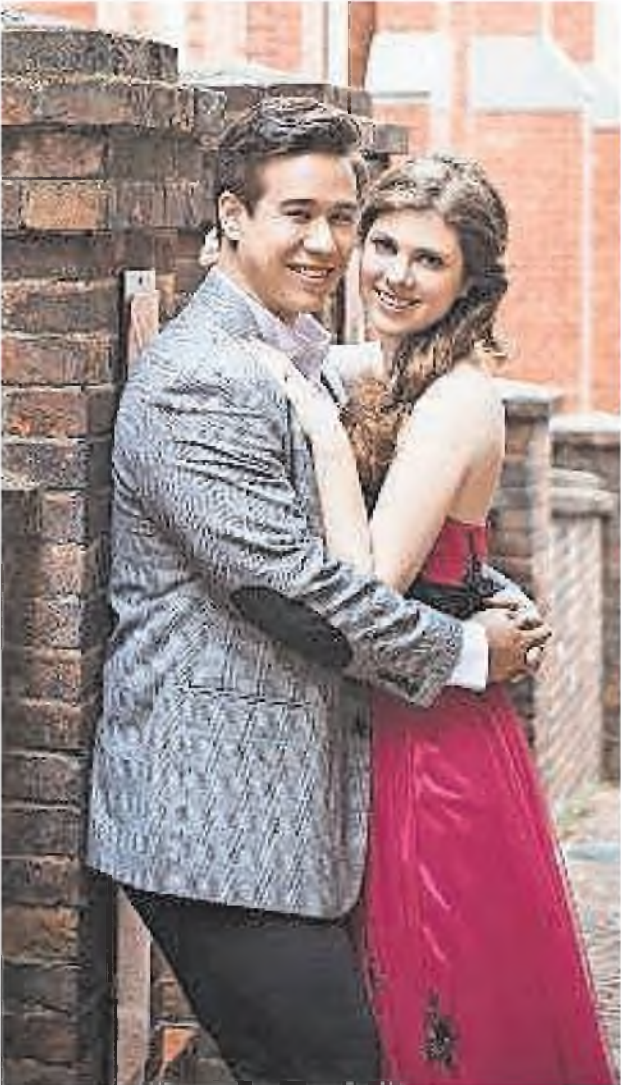
Smith, from Grand Rapids, also graduated from U-M in 2013. He is an M.D. and Ph.D. student, also at UNC-Chapel Hill.

She is the daughter of Lisa DiRado and John Keenan of Northville and has a sister, Emily Keenan.

He is the son of Alexia and Curtis Smith of Sacramento, Calif.

In January, the couple celebrated their engagement and upcoming wedding with extended family and friends at the Grand Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan. Keenan and her parents were introduced to the people, land and culture of her fiancée's childhood.

The two met as members of Alpha Chi Sigma, a professional chemistry fraternity at the University of Michigan.



Elizabeth Audrey Keenan and Christof Chiu Smith, pictured in Taipei, Taiwan, are to be married Saturday in Northville.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Focus on quality of life

I read with interest your article about the Plymouth Township Hilltop Golf Course. It appears that the township board is considering selling the course because it is not making money. I was a trustee in Plymouth Township and we never considered the golf course as a money-making operation.

The golf course was constructed to provide for open space in the township and to provide recreation to our citizens. After all, the township is a not-for-profit organization and we pay township taxes to receive a good quality of life. The golf course is no different than the Township Park, Friendship Station and other parks in the township, which cost taxpayers money to construct and operate. After all, Plymouth Township's quality of life has attracted most of us who have lived here since the early '70s.

As residents of this township, we have enjoyed the open space and do not appreciate building homes on top of each others as being done in neighboring cities. Even though I have never been a golfer, I always enjoyed the open space Hilltop provides to our citizens and I believe that it is worth paying to have this amenity in our community.

I served on the Planning Commission and on the Board of Trustees for several terms and I always considered the quality of life to be outstanding in Plymouth Township. I sure hope that the present board does not ruin it by destroying all the good things that this township has and stood for.

Today, I received my summer tax bill and it is substantial. I would gladly pay it to continue the outstanding quality of life and our integrity. Destroying our community by selling all of our assets is not welcomed nor it is appreciated.

**Abe A. Munfakh**  
Former Plymouth Township trustee

- 1) The rough off the fairways is all one cut and too deep. My playing partner almost lost a club he dropped to mark a ball off the fairway. Grounds keepers found it for him. Have the grounds keepers drop the cutter lower approximately 10 yards either side of the fairway. Hitting your ball from a deep cut when hardly off the fairway takes the fun out of the game, especially if it is wet.
  - 2) There are no big signs on Beck Road telling commuters that Hilltop is just down the dirt road. Maybe if signs each way were more visible, it would register with people going to work that there is a golf course there.
  - 3) Hilltop is barely off M-14. Advertise more widely as it's easy to reach.
  - 4) Keep the dirt road leading in smoother or pave it. It's a short road, but very rough.
- Larry Schultz**  
Plymouth

Keep an eye on officials

In this letter, I speak of the city of Wayne, but it could be said of any American city.

I paraphrase Gov. Charles Hughes of New York with these remarks.

No one should try to wriggle out of responsibility. Citizens can only remedy things by paying attention and carrying their duties as citizens. You are not fit to solve national problems if you can't fix the things going on right at your front door.

Things around here have been left to run themselves for a long time and now it's got to be corrected. You must show your state and the country that you, the people, run your own city.

You must give thought and attention to those you select to represent you in municipal, county and state affairs as well. Keep an eye on them so they keep an eye on the ball and keep it moving. They need to carry out your ideas – you are not in their service.

In this way it doesn't matter who is on this side or that side at any given time because the people of our city will win. Popular ideas and the popular vote should direct

what is to be done.

We cannot have, and have not had for some time, the correct operation of our local elected government because the offices have been filled by persons who are playing games. They are not doing their pledged work.

They need to do their duty in accordance with the laws of our state.

**Alfred Brock**  
Wayne

**Salem antics**

Another dysfunctional Salem Township Planning Commission meeting. Despite years of serving on the Planning Commission and chair for the last few years, Pam Merlo still doesn't understand the basic elements of her job. At the June 19 planning commission meeting, she had no clue as to why a public hearing was on the agenda. When reminded she was responsible for setting the agenda, she didn't know what to say. Eventually she apologized, but with no clear explanation of her blunder. The remainder of the Planning Commission members were like deer in the headlights. Commissioner Dan Vergari seems to have a bad habit of verbally lash out at the attending residents. This unprofessionalism is not an appropriate behavior for an appointed township official.

During these meetings, Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker normally can be found hiding in the back corner, witnessing this dysfunctional behavior.

A few months back, the Planning Commission had to cancel a public hearing on a simple rezoning because a resident pointed out that the applicant did not post signs on the property proposed to be rezoned. Not one of the Planning Commission members made sure this basic element of a rezoning was met and apparently not one of them even visited the site prior to the meeting. Merlo's comment was "we dropped the ball." How many balls need to be dropped until our supervisor realizes the incompetence of our Planning Commission?

Consider this Planning



## LETTERS

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Commission dealing with developers like Schostak. In actuality, Whittaker seems content with a Planning Commission which continues its disservice to Salem residents (similar to his fellow board members), as long as they continue to support his self-serving agenda.

**O'Neil Muirhead**  
Salem Township

### Supports ending Paris plan

Despite general left-wing hysteria, President Donald Trump did the courageous and correct thing by keeping his campaign promise to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement.

As expected, Trump's decision was immediately criticized by climate zealot Al Gore, whose 2006 documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" should have been entitled "Inconvenient Errors" in retrospect. Gore predicted that the world would reach "a point of no return" in 10 years because of significantly rising temperatures (temperatures have not risen significantly in 11 years), the polar ice cap would melt (just the opposite, it has been growing), and there would be more violent hurricanes (just the opposite – not even one F3+ hurricane has made landfall in the U.S. since 2005).

Most citizens have no idea what the Paris Climate Agreement contains. In addition, it was never approved by Congress and for good reason.

Basically, it is just a thinly-veiled attempt by other countries to gain an economic advantage over the United States (China and India are not planning to do anything about the climate for at least

the next decade, if ever). It seeks to transfer \$100 billion in wealth to poor countries for "climate aid" by 2020 (watch the corruption). NERA Economic Consulting just completed a study which indicated that the Paris Climate Agreement would cost the U.S. economy almost \$3 trillion and more than 6 million jobs by 2040, primarily in the industrial and energy sectors.

This agreement was definitely not a good deal for the American people.

**Randy Kniebes**  
Brighton

### Free market health care myth

I'm tired of hearing from elected officials who believe that a free market works for health care. They say competition will lower prices. Except for Medicare and Medicaid, we have a free market system; costs keep increasing. There is a man I know with diabetes. To control his glucose, his doctor changed his medication to a more expensive one. His insurance company caps the amount they will pay in a year, so in August he has to pay the full cost. He drives to Windsor and finds the same medication over the counter for less than a quarter of what he would pay in the U.S.

So why are drug prices less in Canada? They have price controls and everyone has health insurance through the government. Every developed country in the world except the U.S. provides these benefits to all of their citizens. The free market only works when people have a choice as to whether or not they will buy a product. If the price is too high, they go without. If the man with diabetes doesn't take his insulin, he dies.

Pharmaceutical companies are making prof-

its in price-controlled countries; prices were negotiated. In countries where there is insurance through the government, are people being well served? Yes. The World Health Organization analyzes and rates health care of nations. The United States ranks 37th. Thirty-five ranked higher have universal coverage.

The Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare) is a combination of government and corporate insurance. Prices for corporate insurance and drugs keep increasing, because there are no price controls. Medicare is a government insurance program that has worked very well since 1965 for those 65 and older. Under part B, Medicare pays 80 percent of approved amounts for medical services and procedures. In essence the "approved amount" is a price control. People can pay the remaining 20 percent or purchase a Medigap policy. I bought a Medigap policy and the monthly premium has increased 53 percent in the last seven years.

Those in favor of The American Health Care legislation say it will reduce costs and be a better plan than Obamacare. Both have major flaws. What needs to be done is to expand Medicare so it covers everyone, and set price controls on prescription drugs, medical care and insurance premiums.

The free market works well in some areas, but not for medical care. Everyone needs health care, so let's view health insurance as a right, not a privilege.

**Ann Abdo**  
Livonia

### Choosing license plates

Patrick Colbeck calls Gov. Snyder's recent veto "utterly disgraceful."

The veto put the kibosh on Colbeck's scheme to put that "Right to Life" groups propaganda on our license plates.

Colbeck, in my estimation, is the most ineffective lawmaker ever to serve our area. Pushing his religious beliefs on others is exactly what makes him so ineffective.

Now, he has aspirations of being governor. I would think he would be better suited to preach from a pulpit somewhere instead of the hallowed halls of the capital. Or, perhaps, move to D.C. and work for Mike Pence.

But who knows? With the likes of Bill Schuette and Brian Calley on the Republican primary ballot, maybe he has a shot at the nomination.

**James Huddleston**  
Canton

### More on religion

The Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach tried to intimate that a letter from Leo Webber was an attempt to "push people toward divisiveness rather than inclusiveness." The Outreach claims his letter reveals a lack of understanding regarding Islam. He has a good understanding about militant Islam.

It claims that attributing violence to Muslim's shows ignorance. Who has been slaughtering Christians all though the Mideast and Europe? Where is the national and local outrage from the Muslim communities?

The Outreach says, "When you really know people you can't hate them." Does Plymouth Outreach help Muslims assimilate to America's laws and practices?

Regarding Hannah Donigan's comments on being vigilant by blaming President Donald Trump and his "Trumpsters" for being "masters of manipulating and managing

the news."

New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, CBS, ABC, Associated Press, Reuters, Facebook and Democrat Party all believed that Hillary Clinton was going to be elected president. However, the American people made their votes count. This freedom so infuriated these liberals they have vowed to disrupt Trump's agenda even if it is good for the country. Trump stated he wants to fix our infrastructure, economic problems, jobs, drain the D.C. swamp and make America great again. I agree; we must make our congressional representatives responsible for their non-actions. They have become our weakest links.

Alfred Brock wrote that immigration is a problem because "it hasn't been made clear for more than 50 years as what someone is supposed to do when they get here." The H-1B visa category is an expedient and lawful method to bring foreign-born professionals here temporarily and, therefore, the most widely sought after visa classifications for employment. To obtain an H-1B visa, there must be a job offer and an employer willing to sponsor a person by filing a petition with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service. In the early 1900s, all immigrants knew what they wanted. Most became U.S. citizens, worked hard and raised families. Many of their sons fought in World War II.

Further, Brock writes, "The strong man is not the aggressor but a protector." That is exactly what Trump wants to do protect Americans. Liberalism has caused many cities to become sanctuaries for illegals which is against federal laws.

In 1778, Alexander Hamilton wrote, "Let the

13 States, bound together in a strict and indissoluble Union, concur in erecting one great American system ..." The Founding Fathers achieved that with the U.S. Constitution.

**Len Mardeusz**  
Livonia

### Don't drop health care

Trump's latest tweet calls for repeal of the Affordable Health Care Act now and replacement later. According to the Congressional Budget Office, an arm of Congress, 32 million Americans would immediately be without health care with repeal only. This is up from the CBO scoring that 23 million would lose coverage under the U.S. House version of Trumpcare and but 22 million lose coverage under the Senate version.

The CBO is a bipartisan extension of Congress and the best official scoring of proposed legislation. The CBO works for Congress and to dispute there scoring of legislation is simply politically irresponsible and ridiculous.

The immediate impact would be felt in Medicaid recipients which I am sure Trump has no clue of the coverage. Medicaid and expanded Medicaid, provides health care to the working poor, poor kids, kids in foster care, the elderly, blind and handicapped not covered by Medicare, nursing home residents and pregnant women, to name but a few.

Trump's repeal only decision is grossly irresponsibly and for the 32 million American who will be rendered without health coverage, is tantamount to domestic terrorism. I do not say this lightly, but can think of no other adequate descriptive terms.

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# Brighton man wins with top prize for home brew

Judges pick top beers entered in Big Brew Day contest at River’s Edge Brewing Co.

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com

It was just going to be another night June 28 at River’s Edge Brewing Co. for patrons Jackie Pyles, her father Bob Pyles and her fiancé Ethan Krenning. That was until they were offered several samples of home-brewed beer, brewed by participants during Big Brew Day back in May. The first sample they tried was a black IPA. Jackie Pyles, who just bought a house in Milford with her fiancé, said it tasted pretty good. “It was, like, citrusy, fruity,” she said. That night was the culmination of Big Brew Day, where patrons at the brewery, 125 S. Main St., in Milford, got a taste of the brewers’ works. Fifteen beers were sampled by the crowd, which included a brew created by editorial members from hometownlife.com and and coach Jeff Rankert, a cream ale with a coffee infusion. Judging had taken place several days before by celebrity judges, including Rex Halfpenny from the Michigan Beer Guide and Bill Wamby, a brewer at River’s Edge. Winners were announced June 28, with Brighton resident Gregg Gustafson taking the top prize for his saison. He said he didn’t have to look far to find a recipe: Gustafson said he decided to make the brew recommended by the American Homebrewers Association for the event. With some inspiration from South Lyon home brewing supplies store Scrooge and Barley, he

picked up some different ingredients to brew the tasty drink. “I actually made the beer that they inspired us to make,” said Gustafson, who started homebrewing back in 2014. “What was different was, I used Scrooge and Barley for my supplies. “And they recommended an Omega yeast I’ve never used before. **Drink local** Big Brew Day is held the first Saturday in May each year and celebrates home brewing, a hobby that has taken off in the United States. The American Homebrewers Association estimates about 1.2 million people in the U.S. home brew, producing more than two million barrels of beer each year. That accounts for about 1 percent of all beer made in the U.S. Gustafson’s prize was one all local beer enthusiasts would clamor for: a mug club membership or renewal at four area breweries — River’s Edge Brewing Co., Kickstand Brewing Co. in Commerce Township, Drafting Table Brewing Co. in Wixom and Draught Horse Brewery in Lyon Township. He admitted two of those awards will go to renew an already-existing membership at a brewery. “I think it’s important for home brewers to support the local breweries that we have here,” he said. “And the way to support them is through their mug club programs, so that you can invest in them so they can invest in you.” In addition to the judged beers, everyone



“It doesn’t suck,” says Jeff Rankert, brewing coach for hometownlife’s team. Newshound Ale, a coffee-infused cream ale, was the product of the team’s effort.



Dustin Cook offers samples of the competing brews.



Emcee Isaac Perry pours samples of the competing brews.



Greg Gustafson is the first-place winner.

in the brewery that night had the option to vote for their favorite brew. That distinction went to Fern-dale resident Bob Hart, whose American porter proved to be the crowd-pleaser.

He said he originally used a peanut butter toast malt in his brew, though it turned out to create a different ale than expected. “I put a bunch of it in ... but the peanut butter

didn’t come through,” he said. “So it made it like an American porter.” He said the best advice he has for anyone looking to begin home brewing is simple: educate yourself on the tech-

niques and ingredients. “Do your research,” he said.   
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## Congratulations!

# Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy – Class of 2017



**Charyl Stockwell Preparatory High School in Brighton held its sixth graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 4 in Rackham Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan. Parents, families and community members gathered together to celebrate the students in Class of 2017 and their remarkable achievements which include:**

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## Huron Valley arts council seeks horse entries

The Highland Trail Riders Association is seeking entries for its ninth annual “It’s All About the Horse” Art Competition and Exhibit in September at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts gallery in Highland.

Focus of each entry must be a horse or horses. Artwork done in 2-D mediums (such as oils, acrylics, watercolor, etc) and photography will be accepted. All entries must be framed or wrapped canvas, securely wired for gallery hanging. No sawtooth hangers accepted. Entry fee is \$30 per artist, two submissions allowed per entry fee.

Cash prizes will be awarded to first place in both categories, with ribbons to other notable entries. Youth entries (under 18) will be judged separately for ribbon awards.

Submissions will be accepted digitally to nbranyash2009@comcast.net beginning July 17. Deadline for submissions is Aug. 18. Entry fee checks (made out to Highland Trail Riders) must be mailed to: Vickie Banyash, 13890 French Lane, Davisburg, MI 48350 and received no later than Aug. 25.

Intake of all artwork will be 3-6 p.m. August 30 at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston, Highland.

The exhibit will be open to the public Sept. 5-30. An artists reception will be held at the gallery from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday Sept. 10, with an award presentation at 1 p.m.

Details and additional information can be found at Highlandtrailriders.com.

# Barbecue event honors Ron Savage



The Savage Smokers take a break from the event to relax and have a little fun.



Rib competitor Perry Hiltzys shows off his fare.

## Thousands turn out for inaugural benefit event to commemorate late television news broadcaster

Savage Smokers hoisted its banner and fired up the grill Saturday at Ribs on the River, Milford’s new competitive barbecue event founded in honor of late WJBK-TV (Channel 2) newsmen Ron Savage.

“He was on a quest for the perfect ribs. He was never completely satisfied and was always looking to make a better rib,” Mitzi Savage said. “My husband was a wonderful cook. He barbecued and loved trying new things. He didn’t write anything down. He was one of those cooks who would try something one time and the next time would switch it up.”

The Savage Smokers, the team led by one of Ron Savage’s brothers, his son and wife, earned second place in the amateur division, just behind

first-place winner Detroit Fire, a team of Detroit firefighters. B&R Smoke won first place in the professional division.

Nineteen teams competed in the professional division and there were 13 amateur teams.

A handful of Milford residents created Ribs on the River as a way to honor Savage’s memory and to raise money for some of the charities he supported. Approximately 35 teams were expected to compete for cash prizes and trophies in professional and amateur categories.

Bill Gailey, who coordinated the barbecue competition, said he was pleased with the turnout. He estimated nearly 5,000 people attended the event held in Central Park.

“We had people streaming into the beer

tent all day,” Gailey said. “I bet we sold close to 2,000 cups of beer. The barbecue vendor had 20-30 people in line from 11 a.m. He sold out completely by 9 p.m. We were tickled with the turnout.”

Savage died Feb. 25 after participating in a training exercise with other Milford firefighters. He planned to climb the stairs at the Renaissance Center in Detroit the following day, during the American Lung Association’s annual Fight for Air Climb. The organization is among 10 charities supported by the Ron Savage Memorial Foundation.

Mitzi Savage said she and their son shared an interest in his work for charity, which included the Motorcycle Ride for Autism, Easter Seals, Thin Blue Line, Crime Stoppers, Mothers



Several restaurants competed in the first Ribs on the River barbecue event.

Against Drunk Driving, local veterans groups, Team Huron Valley Special Olympics, Mi Abilities, Inc., and Livingston County Humane Society.

The event featured a silent auction, goldfish races, bounce house, volleyball and basketball competition and sidewalk sales.

Live music was provided by Icemen Band, Bruno McSorley, Dani-ree and Motor City Cowboys throughout the day. Comedian Zak Martina also performed.

“I think everything went well,” Gailey said. “We don’t know the totals of how much was raised yet. We’re still waiting for vendors to send us a final tally.”



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# MOM

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In October 2014, she gave birth to a 6-pound, 9-ounce baby girl who wasted no time providing her 14-year-old mother with a welcome-to-par-enthood gift.

“They set her on my chest and, of course, I start crying right away,” Griest said. “Then she pooped on me. She pooped right on my heart.”

Play-doh in hand, she turns to her daughter.

“You pooped on my heart! Yeah, you did!”

## Progress on teen pregnancy in Michigan

American teenagers are more than twice as likely to have a baby as those in Canada, four times more likely than teens in Germany or Norway and almost 10 times more likely than teens in Switzerland, according to the Michigan League for Public Policy.

But the organization also cites progress: In Michigan, the number of babies born to teen mothers has dropped significantly over the past 20 years, thanks to changes in public policy, access to birth control, sex education and funding for programs aimed at reducing teen pregnancy.

In 2014, Michigan teen mothers gave birth to 7,037 babies – including 69 to mothers ages 10-14. Adalyn was one of them.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services data shows the numbers reflect an overall drop of nearly 60 percent from 1994, when 17,448 babies were born to teen mothers, including 397 ages 10-14.

Disparities persist, however. A much higher percentage of African-American and Hispanic teens give birth compared to white teens and teen pregnancy is more pervasive in low-income communities. Research shows most teen moms do not graduate from high school and live in poverty.

Griest’s was not the typical teen pregnancy, nor is she the typical teen mother.

Today, she is an honors student at Mercy High School, an all-girls, Catholic college preparatory school in Farmington Hills.

“I want to go to college,” she said. “I want to get a degree. I want to go work ... provide for my daughter and be the best mom I can possibly be.”

Still, the past 2½ years haven’t been what anyone would call easy.

## Shock

Griest said she and her boyfriend weren’t the only eighth-graders at her school having sex.

“As soon as parents started asking, once it came out that I was pregnant, everyone was saying, ‘No, she’s just the class whore,’” she said. “But no. Everybody was doing it, everyone I was around. It wasn’t like you would walk down a school hallway and talk about it, but it wasn’t like you were ashamed for doing it. Everyone just was and everybody knew that.”

Wendy Andrews was shocked to learn her daughter was pregnant. She never saw Kennedy

and her then-boyfriend get “all touchy feely” and never suspected the youngest in her brood of five was having sex.

“The way they behaved, I didn’t even see it as a possibility,” said Andrews, who shares her home with her daughter and granddaughter.

“We’re as close as a mother and daughter can get, but I wasn’t asking the right questions. I didn’t think it was time to ask those questions.”

Adalyn’s father and his family declined to be interviewed for this story, citing privacy concerns.

When Andrews saw the positive home pregnancy test, the “world started to spin,” she said.

Then came the grief over her daughter’s lost youth, umbrage toward those who spewed hurtful words or urged Kennedy to get an abortion, gratitude for those who were supportive — and worry, about her own future.

At the time, Kennedy was “very immature and into herself,” she said.

“I thought, ‘How in the world is she going to be able to take care of a baby? I’m a 50-year-old single mom and I’m going to be raising baby No. 6. There’s no way this selfish kid is going to get up in the night to take care of a child.’”

“I couldn’t sleep,” she added. “I didn’t want to leave my house or see people, because people would whisper and talk about us. It was definitely the most difficult time of my life.”

Griest weighed the possibility of giving up her child for adoption. She encountered at least a few people who encouraged abortion. But she never considered terminating the pregnancy.

“I was scared out of my mind, but ... I knew I had to do what was best for this child,” she said. “My mom raised me to value all life. Everyone is worth something. Everyone has value. To me, an abortion is killing. It’s killing a human.”

## Homecoming

Hammered by condemnation, name-calling and mostly anonymous messages, Griest didn’t go back to Brighton High School with her peers when school started that fall. Instead, she began taking classes online.

In October, she decided it was time to stop hiding. Her brother was on the homecoming court. If he was crowned king – and he was – she wanted to be there to see it.

In the school parking lot with an older sister and two friends, she sat in the car feeling nervous and sick to her stomach.

“I had this white shirt on and I had it tied over my stomach just to show, just to be very obvious about (the pregnancy) because I didn’t want people to be, like, ‘Oh my God, is she?’ If I was going to come out, I thought I might as well be obvious about it.”

As they entered the stadium, she made eye contact with a boy she knew from middle school, then kept her eyes on the ground as she walked toward the 50-yard line. She realized too late that she had to walk past her peers.

“I made eye contact with another kid,” she said. “I saw him turn around and then almost



FAMILY PHOTO

Kennedy Griest gave birth to daughter Adalyn when she was 14.

every head in that student section looked at me. It felt like the everyone went silent.

“Then, all of sudden, I hear someone yell, ‘w-h-o-r-e!’” she said, spelling out the word to spare Addie’s young ears.

The students, she said, continued to shout insults. Someone changed the words to a school chant and others joined in. Former friends and classmates hurled empty cups and wads of foil.

In the bottom row, she remembers, seniors turned and began shouting at the underclassmen.

“They were telling everyone to shut ... up and to stop because they were my brother’s best friends. I was like a little sister to a lot of them,” Griest said. “I felt like I was going to vomit right then and there.”

Later, she realized it had been a definitive moment. She went off social media and locked her phone in the family safe.

“I’d been getting calls for a while, from blocked numbers, late at night,” Griest said. “One night, I got over 60 messages ... each time saying I was a whore and I was going to hell, all these terrible things.”

Brighton Area Schools Superintendent Greg Gray said the bullying and harassment were never reported to him. The district does everything in its power to keep it from happening, he said.

“Most of it happens outside of school and then gets brought into school,” Gray said. “People need to monitor and report it. We track down every single situation that’s brought to us and try to bring it to a resolution.”

The district does not have a policy on pregnancy, he said. No district does, to his knowledge. But he said Griest’s was not the first.

“We’ve had pregnant kids,” he said. “Every school throughout the state and nation has pregnant kids.”

The district follows the Michigan model for sex education, which includes “HIV/STD prevention and sexuality education (that) supports positive physical and mental health of youth,” according to the Michigan Department of Education’s website.

“All kids would get that – those are mandated classes unless a parent opts (students) out of it,” Gray said.

Griest said she doesn’t remember any sex education beyond a few days in fifth grade, when the boys went to one room

and the girls went to another.

## Conversations are key, experts say

Parents should talk to children about sex and relationships “early and often” – and in age-appropriate terms – starting in preschool, said Shari Boley, executive director of the Pregnancy Help Center in Brighton.

“A lot of times, parents get concerned about having the talk and they delay it a little too long,” she said, adding that parents should also equip themselves with knowledge about current teen trends, social media platforms and the pressures teens are facing – including the pressure to sext (texting sexually suggestive or explicit words or photos).

“Sometimes parents think teaching about the physical part of sexual decision-making as the most important part. But it’s the social emotional intellectual parts that drive the decision. It all needs to be integrated.

“If you send a picture of a body part, it affects you intellectually,” she added. “It affects you socially. You can’t just act in one area.”

Through ongoing conversations, parents can help teens see the big picture, Boley said.

Currently, the center is working on a seminar for adults about talking to teens about relationships and sex. It expects to begin offering it next year.

The center offers a teen mom support group, as well as parent mentoring and a baby boutique, where mothers can “earn” diapers, clothing and other baby necessities by meeting with a mentor and engaging in parent education programs.

Griest recently won an Outstanding Student Leadership award from the Farmington Hills Optimist Club, awarded each year to one junior at each of the area’s high schools, along with a \$200 check to be given back to an organization in the community. She decided to give her money to the Brighton Pregnancy Help Clinic.

Livingston County, she said, doesn’t have many organizations like it.

“I went there for a lot of help,” she said. “I get clothes, I get diapers, furniture just for showing up. I’m giving it back because we don’t have a lot of places like that here that are helpful. I think people just ignore teen pregnancy.”

## Support

Reeling in the shock of her pregnancy, Griest

was eager for her sister Mackenzie – who she calls Mackie – to return two days later from a trip to Africa, where she was studying as part of a program at Grand Valley State University.

“I just needed to talk to her,” she said. “I needed to hear her say something, just anything, because she is my biggest role model ever. I love her and look up to her so much.

“When I told her ... she gave me a hug. She said, ‘I love you so much, Boo.’”

“Boo” is a nickname her family gave her as a child, when she pretended to be Boo from the movie “Monsters, Inc.”

After that, she had to tell her current boyfriend, also 14 at the time, that she was pregnant from her previous boyfriend.

He wanted to know how long she’d known and if she’d known when they began dating. She told him she found out two days prior.

“He goes, ‘OK, well, it makes sense as to why you’ve been sick ... just know this doesn’t change anything. I know we’re young, but you’re a great person and I want to be with you and I want to help you through this.’”

They’re still together.

“I understand adoption is good for some people and some situations,” Griest said. “But I had a village of people around me and I knew the right people will support me and love me.”

Andrews believes her daughter has “matured a lot” over the past several years and she couldn’t be more proud.

“She’s become more patient,” Andrews said. “From the beginning, she was such an attentive mother. It amazed me how wonderful she was and how quickly it happened. She comes home from school and she’s not on her phone, not watching TV, she’s doing things with Addie. She’s a mother first, always. She tells me that, she tells her friends that and she tells her boyfriend that: ‘I’m a mother first, always.’”

She also knows the support her daughter gets – from her, from other family members, new friends and mentors – makes all the difference.

“It took some of the family members longer than others to get on board, but the important thing is that we’re all on board now,” she said. “Kennedy and Addie get so much love and support.”

## High school

These days, Griest stays up to study until about midnight during the school year. And every morning, she gets up at 6 a.m. and drives an hour to Mercy High School, where she maintains a grade-point average of 3.56 going into her senior year.

She leads the school’s Pro-Life Club, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society and also serves on the school’s Link Crew Team, where older students welcome and mentor younger pupils.

“I was a little bit nervous when she first applied for Link Crew, because I know what she’s balancing outside school,” said Trish Brown, a ninth-grade counselor who also serves as Link Crew

adviser. “I feel this is one of our most committed leadership positions at Mercy, but she has not let us down once ... she has her finger on the pulse of what our ninth-graders need. She has been stellar.”

When Griest applied to the school after shadowing another student, she was not shunned for having had sex or for child-bearing outside wedlock, Brown said. Instead, she was listened to.

“When she came to us with her story about what happened in her previous district, we couldn’t help but be merciful ... and provide the place for her,” Brown said. “I don’t know (that) we were 100-percent confident this would go well. But there was zero judgment whatsoever. We were instantly impressed.”

Brown called Griest resilient, hard-working and inspiring.

“She doesn’t share her story like she wants pity or in a manner to draw attention to herself,” she said. “She speaks like any other mother would – proudly, of her daughter, and proud to be a mother. She shares her story to inspire other students that they, too, can overcome challenges and balance whatever life throws at them.”

Addie attends preschool a few days each week and stays with Andrews the other days while her mom is at school or at work during the summer.

When Griest gets home, she takes Addie along as she earns money babysitting, driving kids to activities or doing other odd jobs. She takes Addie to dance class, where the toddler hams it up, and they spend afternoons, evenings and weekends together.

Other parents sometimes look at her funny, she said, or make comments about her youth, but she does her best to take it all in stride.

“I know it’s not the ideal ... teenage life, but I wouldn’t change it for a minute,” Griest said. “She is everything to me. I’m thankful for each day that I have and that everything turned out the way it did. I’ve seen people who have not been supported and I’ve seen things go differently for people. I ... don’t take it for granted, how lucky I am.”

She wants other teens to know they have “more than one option” when confronted with an unexpected pregnancy.

“It’s not something that you should be shunned for,” she said. “It’s something everyone needs to be aware of, because it happens and, in most situations, girls aren’t as lucky to have the perfect setup for all of this, the perfect family, the perfect support system.”

One day, Griest said, she’d like to start an organization to help other pregnant teens and young mothers.

Andrews shares the sentiment – as well as the love for her granddaughter.

“There’s no other love in the world,” she said. “I’m enjoying it so much. Addie is the biggest blessing I could ask for. Sometimes it’s a struggle, but I wouldn’t have it any other way. She’s the love of my life.”



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# HE STARTED A READING REVOLUTION

Wisconsin man brings neighbors together with his Little Free Libraries

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Todd Bol is changing lives one book at a time. What started as a project to recycle a garage door — by turning it into a small book repository in the shape of a one-room schoolhouse to honor his late mother — has morphed into a global phenomenon, scattering book-filled Little Free Libraries like literary dandelion seeds. After noticing folks stopping at his garage sale spent more time checking out the library he installed in 2009 at the end of his Hudson, Wisconsin, driveway, Bol began thinking bigger, giving away 30 Little Free Libraries to friends and family. Anyone can put up a Little Free Library anywhere and attach a small sign that says “Take a Book, Leave a Book.” Anyone registering his or her library on the non-profit’s website gets a free “Little Free Library” sign in the mail, and the location is noted on an online map. “The real key of the Little Free Libraries is people say they meet their neighbors through their libraries. It’s an extension of their front porch.” When Little Free Library became a nonprofit in 2012, several hundred libraries had popped up in many states and a handful of countries. The goal was 2,510 libraries, one more than the number of Carnegie libraries. But Little Free Libraries exploded in popularity. Last November Bol attached the 50,000th Little Free Library sign to a library at a homeless shelter in Santa Ana, Calif. Little Free Libraries are in every state in America and 70 countries. Bol leads a staff of 14 in an office park in the western Wisconsin community where kits and libraries constructed by local craftsmen are sold online for \$225 to \$360. The nonprofit’s Impact Fund helps provide no-cost libraries to communities. Construction plans are offered free online. Many people decide to make their



MARK HOFFMAN/USA TODAY NETWORK

**Todd Bol**  
**Location:** Hudson, Wisconsin  
**Age:** 61  
**Profession:** Co-founder and executive director of Little Free Library  
**Mission:** To build small boxes for books called Little Free Libraries throughout the globe

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own or donate their creations. Bol travels frequently to spread the Little Free Library gospel. A few days after an interview, he flew to the Philippines for 2½ weeks to help with efforts to install thousands of libraries. “Everybody deserves to read. I see Little Free Libraries as a movement to bring people together,” said Bol.

## Q&A WITH TODD BOL

**What does it mean to you to be an American?**  
To me it’s what you give back. I feel it’s not what you accumulate and what you have but how you give back to society and culture. A very important thing for me is to ask the question — not it takes a village to raise a child but how am I part of that village?

**What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?**  
What touched me to launch the Little Free Library was just how my neighborhood got so excited and thrilled. It was like a new baby or a new puppy. They were thrilled by it. It was something they had never seen. What we did is we put them out there across Wisconsin and Minnesota, and it took off. It’s been in the media. It’s delighted people around the world.

**What gives you hope or what concerns you?**  
There’s an old saying that you don’t think clearly with clenched fists. I believe too often in America right now we’re angry and we’re spending time and energy about where we disagree. What is wonderful about Little Free Libraries that gives me hope is it brings neighborhoods together. It brings a commonality of improving literacy within the neighborhood, and they connect. I see that people are more concerned about connecting and being together and building a strong community than I see dissension. I believe dissension is too often emphasized and it’s not really who we are. Little Free Libraries are more about who we are, that is, connecting neighborhoods and making neighborhoods better and making every single child and adult better. I think Little Free Libraries push a ray of hope on us that is more representative of who we are.

**What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?**  
What I believe is that everybody has a right to read. You may not be able to change your city or your town, but you can change your neighborhood. What we’re hoping is that Little Free Library acts as a spark in that neighborhood to step up, change your neighborhood, make it better ... It’s starting that, and it’s happening all across the globe. I just hope it accelerates more and more.

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# Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority director placed on paid administrative leave

**Christina Hall**  
Detroit Free Press

The director of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority was placed on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation, according to a memo sent to authority staff and obtained by the Free Press.

The memo, sent June 21, doesn't state the nature of the investigation involving director George Phifer.

Timothy McCarthy, chairman of the authority's seven-member board of commissioners, said: "we do not comment on personnel matters," and referred a reporter to Acting Director Michael Reese, who is the Metroparks chief of police. McCarthy had no further comment.

Reese said: "I can tell you that it is a policy of the park system not to comment on personnel issues."

Phifer, who worked as a police officer in Pontiac before coming to the authority in 2008 as police chief, could not be reached for comment. An automatic reply from his work email stated: "I am out of the office until further notice."

The memo from McCarthy states that staff may be asked to participate in the investigation and if so, the authority expects their "full and complete cooperation with investigators."

"Absent written authorization from me, staff members are prohibited from divulging the fact or details of the matter or investigation to the media or anyone else outside HCMA," the

memo states, referring any inquiries to Reese.

The authority board held a special meeting June 21 with a closed session to discuss attorney-client privileged communication.

Earlier this month, a photo went around the Internet of a fawn run down by a tractor at Stony Creek Metropark, triggering protest comments on Facebook and charges of wildlife abuse by animal welfare advocates.

Phifer said the fawn's death was the kind of "unfortunate accident" that he hoped to prevent with new maintenance methods.

But environmentalists, birders and others concerned about wildlife have been critical about excessive mowing at the parks -- a decision they say Phifer has made -- and the destruction of what they believe is good habitat for wildlife, such as the removal of trees.

For example, removing dead trees can hurt 33 species of birds in Michigan that nest in tree cavities, said Randy Baker, president of the Macomb Audubon Society, which sent a letter dated June 7 to the authority's board expressing its concerns.

"It seems like they're grooming the Metroparks like a golf course than a natural habitat," Baker said, adding that current practices are "not what I call good stewardship."

The society's letter states that if the Metroparks is "unable or unwilling to make changes to their management practices, we the Board Members of



HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS  
Huron-Clinton Metroparks consists of 13 parks, covering more than 25,000 acres throughout five counties in southeast Michigan.

the Macomb Audubon Society would like to suggest that perhaps it is time to replace Mr. Phifer as Director of the Huron Clinton Metroparks. Our resources, both natural and fiscal are too precious to waste."

There also have been some questions about other proposed changes, such as the future of the golf course at Hudson Mills Metropark in Dexter, for which there is a meeting July 5 at the golf course.

As director, Phifer serves as the chief executive officer and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the authority, according to its website. It states that he served as deputy director and chief operating officer before becoming director.

As deputy director, he was responsible for the overall administration and operation of the 13 Metroparks, which are scattered throughout five counties in metro

Detroit.

In 2010, he was appointed executive secretary to the board, serving as a staff officer of the agency while maintaining his responsibilities as police chief, according to his biography on the website.

Phifer worked for the Pontiac Police Department for nearly 20 years, retiring as a captain in 2004. He then worked as chief of security for the Pontiac School District and as director of security and safety for six Parkview Health Hospitals in Indiana.

Taxpayers in the five counties with Metroparks — Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw — pay a millage of 0.2146, that is expected to generate more than \$29 million in revenue this year for the authority, according to its 2017 budget.

That budget includes more than \$51 million in revenues and more than

\$62-million in expenses.

In March, the authority's board — two of whom are no longer serving — approved a \$21,000 raise for Phifer, bringing his salary to \$168,000.

Phifer's tenure has not been without controversy.

In 2012, numerous lawsuits against the authority and various officials were filed about hiring and promotion practices that some law enforcement officers claimed favored minority candidates over older white males. The lawsuits alleged age, race or sex discrimination but have since been settled.

In March 2015, the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit filed against the authority and Phifer that alleged civil rights violations.

*Staff Writers Eric D. Lawrence and Bill Laitner and The Livingston Daily contributed to this report.*

## Bridge, lane closures set for U.S. 23

**Jennifer Eberbach**  
Livingston Daily

Repairs to several bridges along U.S. 23 between Brighton and Fenton will require freeway and bridge lane closures.

The construction is part of \$2.2 million in bridge repairs and preventative maintenance along U.S. 23 in the county that began last year.

Northbound and southbound U.S. 23 at the Crouse Road bridge in Hartland Township were down to one lane this past weekend. Single lanes on both sides of the freeway will close again at 8 p.m. Friday, July 14, through 6 a.m. Monday, July 17.

The Faussett Road bridge at U.S. 23 in Tyron Township was scheduled to completely close in both directions until 5 p.m. Friday, July 14. Traffic will be detoured to Old U.S. 23 and Center and Runyan Lake roads.

The White Lake road bridge over U.S. 23 in Tyone Township, just south of Fenton, was set to be down to one lane until 5 p.m. Friday, July 14.

The Lee Road bridge at U.S. 23 in Green Oak Township, just south of Brighton, is expected to completely close in both directions from 7 a.m. Monday, July 17, until 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Traffic will be detoured to Fieldcrest Drive and Silver Lake and Whitmore Lake roads.

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# Condo association can limit short-term leases



**Q: Short-term rentals are becoming a big problem in our condominium association, especially during the holidays and summer, where leases may be for a week or less. Short-term tenants rarely follow the rules if they even happen to know about them in the first place, damage to the common elements is on the increase and we have no idea who is doing it, not to mention our property manager is pulling her hair out and is probably ready to**

**quit. The condominium's developer retained ownership of a few units and continually leases them out on a short-term basis. What can we do?**

A: I am assuming that your governing documents contain no restrictions on short-term leasing, as it seems the developer specifically chose to draft them that way as part of a plan to retain ownership of some units and continually lease them on a short-term basis after control of the association's board of directors had transferred to the co-owners. Most other condominium bylaws will contain a restriction which states that leases have to contain a minimum initial

term such as 30 days, six months or a year.

However, it seems to me that your developer may be relying too heavily on an assumption that there will never be a restriction on short-term rentals. Section 90(2) of the Michigan Condominium Act provides that the bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of the co-owners and it doesn't matter if the developer drafted the bylaws requiring a higher fraction or percentage. Hopefully, the practice of short-term leasing is not so pervasive as to involve co-owners holding more than one-third of the voting power, who could be expected to oppose an amendment adding a restriction on short-term

rentals. Since this would be an amendment regarding leasing, you would also have to get two-thirds of the voting power of "mortgagees" (basically, the banks that provide mortgages on the units) to approve, but that tends to be an easy process with the guidance of an experienced condominium law firm.

While some co-owners may wish to go even further and prohibit all leasing, that may not be considered a reasonable restriction by the courts, even if you were to exempt current co-owners. But it would likely be acceptable to place a certain percentage cap on leased units with an exemption for current co-owners, perhaps

somewhere between 20-30 percent of all units, which is a common restriction in governing documents. This could be an additional proposed amendment.

Finally, note that you will also have to ensure that the new provisions have teeth. If the penalties for default under that provision or pursuant to your enforcement policy are not tough enough, the short-term lessors may decide that the penalties are an acceptable cost of doing business. Additionally, you need to ensure that your association will be able to recover the costs related to enforcement of the provision. An experienced condominium attorney would be sure to

review your enforcement provisions and draft any additional proposed amendments to same that may be needed.

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# Survey: Not enough kids are getting proper physical activity

**Perry A. Farrell**  
Detroit Free Press

Michigan kids need to get moving, according to a recently released study of youth sports.

The study found that while 85 percent of parents think their children would benefit from playing a sport or being active through play, only 13 percent of kids are getting the recommended daily hour of physical activity.

The results concluded that Michigan kids are at higher risk for obesity and other health problems.

The study, called the State of Play, was funded by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, which is hoping to create programming for low-income youths and others that is aimed at increasing physical activity.

The report was released by Tom Farrey, executive director of the Aspen Institute Sports & Society Program; Mariam Noland, president of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and David O. Egner, president and CEO of the Wilson foundation.

"Our vision is to have a southeast Michigan community in which all children, regardless of ZIP code or ability, have the opportunity to be active through sports," Egner said. "The State of Play report identifies the challenges we face as a region, but more importantly, it also shares the opportunities that all of us in the community — parents, educators and leaders — can pursue for improvement."

The State of Play report focused on children and sports in Wayne,



State of Play in southeast Michigan isn't where it should be.

Oakland, Macomb, Washtenaw, Livingston, Monroe and St. Clair counties.

The report cited factors that hindered participation in youth sports and other physical activities. For example, southeast Michigan's economic decline, exacerbated by the Great Recession, was cited as the reason behind a decline in community sports leagues and recreational programs.

In Detroit, many recreation centers closed in the

early 2000s and 50 parks were slated to close in 2013 before being saved by a public-private partnership. In addition, the long-term financial emergency of the city's public school district has resulted in the loss of many programs and closures of school buildings.

Researchers surveyed more than 150 youth-sport providers and other leaders in the region on how well they think adults were doing as far as get-

ting kids to be active through sports. The average grade was a C-plus.

The study also found:

- » On the whole, few kids are active enough. The percentage of southeast Michigan youths getting one hour of daily, physical activity as recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention was just 15 percent of boys and 11 percent of girls. Broken down by ethnicity, 14 percent were black, 12 per-

- cent were white and 8 percent were Hispanic.
- » The average number of sports played in any form over 12 days in the past year hovered between 1.5 and 1.7.
- » The most popular sport for boys and girls in both organized and unstructured settings was basketball, followed by gymnastics.
- » Individuals have adequate access to opportunities for physical activity if they reside in a census block that is within a half-mile of a park or, in urban census blocks, within one mile of a recreational facility or in, a rural census block, within three miles of a recreational facility.
- » Five percent of youths in southeast Michigan have a disability and require assistance to participate in sports.



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# Proposed closure of Hudson Mills golf course delayed

Some believe Metroparks officials haven't done enough to promote course

**Jennifer Eberbach**  
Livingston Daily

A proposal to close the golf course in the Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter is drawing enough criticism that a final decision has been delayed for several months.

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority officials voted last month to postpone approving a master plan for Hudson Mills for 90 days in order to give the public more time to comment.

The proposed plan calls for shutting down the 18-hole, par-71 golf course at the close of this year's golf season and finding new uses for the land and clubhouse.

Operating a canoe livery on the land, which includes frontage on the Huron River, is on the table.

Other ideas have included opening a nature center and turning the land into prairies with wildflower areas, according to Metroparks Commissioner Steve Williams, who represents Livingston County on the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority board.

Williams said the golf course might not make enough money from golfing fees to justify keeping it open with taxpayer dollars. But he also said he would like more information on golf course usage before deciding if it should close.

"I believe it's costing us \$38,000 a year above what the course brings



The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority is considering closing Hudson Mills Metropark's golf course. A number of golf carts stand ready for service near the clubhouse recently.

in," he said.

He said keeping the course open could be worth it, "if there is enough interest."

"Public courses serve a purpose, because we're not in competition with private clubs," Williams said. "High school groups could use it on Saturdays," he said, also saying the course is a good choice for older people "because it's one of the few courses you can golf without a cart, because it's not hilly."

Pinckney resident Phil Jackson, who regularly uses the golf course, said he believes "mismanagement" by Metroparks



Reaching the 18th hole at Hudson Mills Metropark's golf course, like any other course, means the game is over. The game may be over in a larger sense for the course. The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority is considering closing it.

administration has put the course in jeopardy.

"The course is in great shape, but they've done a less than adequate job of trying to promote it," Jackson said.

Williams said he agrees Metroparks administration should publicize and market golf courses better.

**Canoe livery idea controversial**

The development of a new business in Dexter has come to a halt, while Metropark officials ponder whether to use a portion of the golf course as a canoe livery.

Business partners

Nate Pound and Tyler Soja plan to open Mill Creek Outdoor Adventures, which would have a canoe and kayak livery and a beer garden, on Main Street on a creek that leads to the Huron River. The property was formerly the outdoor sports store Mill Creek Sports Center, which closed a few years ago.

Williams confirmed that the Metroparks authority is in negotiations with the business owners to allow them to use parkland for a place to take boats out of the water. However, he also said that agreement will depend on what happens with master planning for Hudson Mills.

"The big stink in Dexter is (the Metroparks) were trying to take away business from private companies," Jackson said. "The Metroparks basically said we're not going to honor that agreement and we're going to do canoe rentals. They had cleared the land and they were getting ready to build."

Dexter City Manager Courtney Nicholls said Mill Creek Outdoor Adventures is on hold while the owners and Metroparks officials negotiate.

"Although the city (Dexter) hasn't taken a formal stance, the mayor (Shawn Keough) has been speaking out against it (closing the course)," Nicholls said. "Most people want to keep the golf course open. ... It's a big deal to the community, which we have seen since they proposed closing it. There was someone passing out 'Save our golf course' fliers."

## South Lyon FBI agent recognized for doctor investigation

South Lyon resident Bryan Drake was recently named a finalist for the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Medal.

An FBI special agent, Drake played an instrumental role in the investigation and prosecution of Dr. Farid Fata, now serving a 45-year prison sentence for giving false diagnoses and unnecessary cancer treatment to hundreds of patients in order to steal millions from Medicare.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

# All-American pick Diederich doesn't get short end of stick

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Whether he's out in the field or inside the office, Dan Diederich can provide you with a good insurance policy. During the school year, the 2015 Novi Detroit Catholic Central High grad excels for the Aquinas College men's lacrosse team, as he earned NA-IA second team All-America honors as a defensive midfielder while leading the Saints to their most successful season in school history. Diederich admits he likes to golf and fish during the summer, but spends most of his time working as a licensed

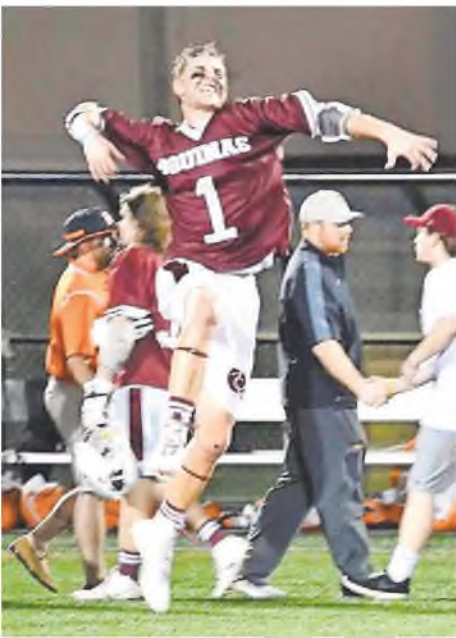


Diederich

insurance agent for TDA Insurance & Financial in Novi. "I've worked at my parents' insurance agency the past five summers now and plan on taking it over," said Diederich, an associate who just recently earned three insurance industry scholarship awards. "I do a little bit of everything, just trying to get a grasp on how the agency runs, really, is what I've been doing. I'm a full-time producer, so I'm in a normal role of any employee, but I also work a lot of the renewals. So I just kind of hop

around and do as much stuff as I can to learn as much as I can when I'm young." Diederich, who will be a junior this fall, is majoring in business administration and marketing and it appears he is already well ahead of the curve when it comes to his career path. "It's something I enjoy doing and coming home to, especially having the family business thing," said Diederich, who made the dean's list at Aquinas. "It's been life-touching to me to take what my parents (Mark and Sherry) started and see my future with it. We

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Dan Diederich jumps for joy after Aquinas upset top seed Indiana Tech.

YOUTH FOOTBALL



Former Catholic Central football standout Mike Martin instructs a young player at his 2016 football camp.

RYAN DOYLE | VIDEO VISION 360

# Former Shamrocks player Martin's camp about hope

Ex-Wolverines star hosts camp July 16 at Detroit Catholic Central

Mark Snyder  
Detroit Free Press

Mike Martin remembers the limitations. He had a comfortable childhood, but there was not a lot of wiggle room. So now that the former Michigan defensive tackle has experienced professional success, playing four NFL seasons, he's extending hope to other kids. Martin's summer football camp returns Sunday, July 16, but there will be a few changes as he shifts the focus. No longer in Ann Arbor, it will take place at his alma mater, Novi Detroit Catholic Central. "Myself growing up in Detroit, near Belle Isle at Jefferson and Van Dyke, I never had the opportunity to go to any camps because we didn't have any money," he said. "All the money went towards feeding me and towards school, because I went to private Catholic school. There were no opportunities. So



Former Wolverines player Mike Martin (left) will stage a youth football camp July 16 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

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LITTLE LEAGUE

# South Farmington teams win district titles

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A pair of teams will proudly represent South Farmington Little League in state competition this weekend. The SFLM Majors (12-under) will play in the girls softball state tournament starting Friday in St. Clair. Head coach Steve Dickson's squad earned the organization's first ever softball championship after sweeping Holly in a best-of-five series last week to capture the District 4 championship. "It's definitely been an experience. I really wanted that banner," said Dickson, who has been involved in the South Farmington Little League for the past 15 years. "Of course, being the first one that was pretty special, needless to say." In Junior Baseball (13-14) action, South Farmington's boys won the District 4 crown in dominating fashion last Saturday at Drake Park. Head coach Scott Johnson's team outscored its three opponents by a whopping 64-3 margin and now advances to a three-game sectional tournament scheduled to start Saturday at Harrison High School. It marks the third straight year that South Farmington has captured the District 4 Junior championship. "It's pretty amazing because we were actually thinking about getting out of Little League five years ago when I joined the board, but now we have three straight district championships," said Johnson, who serves as SFLM president. "And with the softball team winning this year, that actually makes four district championships." The South Farmington softball team, known as the Lady Bombers, was led by the pitching tandem of Warner and Power middle school students Sophia Ramold and Jackie Hoerner. The Lady Bombers got the tournament started in exciting fashion with a late-inning rally that produced a 3-2 victory. With Sammy Hoffer and Jackie Hoerner on second and third base in their final at-bat, Hannah Smith laid down a bunt that Holly misplayed and allowed both runners to score. South Farmington won the second game, 10-8, with the help of extra-base hit production from Emily Dickson, Autumn Bartlett and Hoffer. Macee Babb, after being down 0-2 in the count, drew a walk with a 12-pitch at-bat which seemed to spark the Lady Bombers offense. The Lady Bombers took the third game in decisive fashion, 15-3. It featured a home run from Ramold and a pair of doubles from Kendall Carr. Hoffer made a great defensive play in center field to end an inning. "We played in a tournament with Holly, but we didn't get to play them and we got to see them play and they saw us play before we actually played each other," said Dickson, assisted by Jen Orow and Tom Hoerner. "I'm just so proud of these girls because they've really worked hard. It's a bit surreal, for sure, because we weren't sure we were going to have a team and it's just a

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PREP POM

# South Lyon squad earns summer camp awards

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The 2017-18 South Lyon varsity came away with three awards, including a first place in original pompon routine, at the Mid American Pompon Summer Camp held June 22-25 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

South Lyon, coached by Katee Buddenborg and Emily Thomas, also earned awards for team unity and team showmanship out of 15 squads.

Meanwhile, the new freshman and sophomore team members competed in the intermediate division and

received a grand champions trophy for first place in speed learning, kick line and original routine.

Senior team members for South Lyon are Emma Campbell, Allison Havrilla, Danielle Havrilla, Katie Jakubik, Evelyn Keller, Bailey Papich and Jenna Potter.

Junior team members are Evelyn Arnold, Caroline Badrak, Ashley Cox, Nina Ravindran, Kamdyn Price, Bella Ruddy, Molly Thomas and Taylor Vitori.

They are joined by sophomores Elyssa Haas, Emily Manriquez, Abbie Martin, Izzie Mckercher, Kennedy Niedbala, Morgan Rende, Shannon Richardson, Jenna

Stanfield, Lilliana Vangelov and Kim Wyman.

Rounding out the squad are freshmen Bella Campbell, Delaney Chapuseaux, Erin Ellis, Leah Evangelista, Ally Furstenau, Jessica Genord, Alex Leonardo, Mackenzie Pagels, Ashley Pickl, Lacey Smith and Makayla Sullivan.

Among those trying out and earning Mid American All Star honors were Sullivan, Vangelov, Arnold, Ruddy, Thomas, Badrak, Furstenau, Allison Havrilla, Danielle Havrilla, Potter and Campbell.

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Twelve members of the South Lyon varsity earned Mid American Pompon Summer Camp All Star honors.



The South Farmington Little League's Lady Bombers squad captured its first district championship in history last week. Team members include Macee Babb, Autumn Bartlett, Kendall Carr, Emily Dickson, Cassidy Fenton, Desserre Glenn, Jackie Hoerner, Samantha Hoffer, Katie Kowalyk, Sela Lefler, Emily Luke, Anna Orow, Sophia Ramold and Hannah Smith.

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great group of girls."

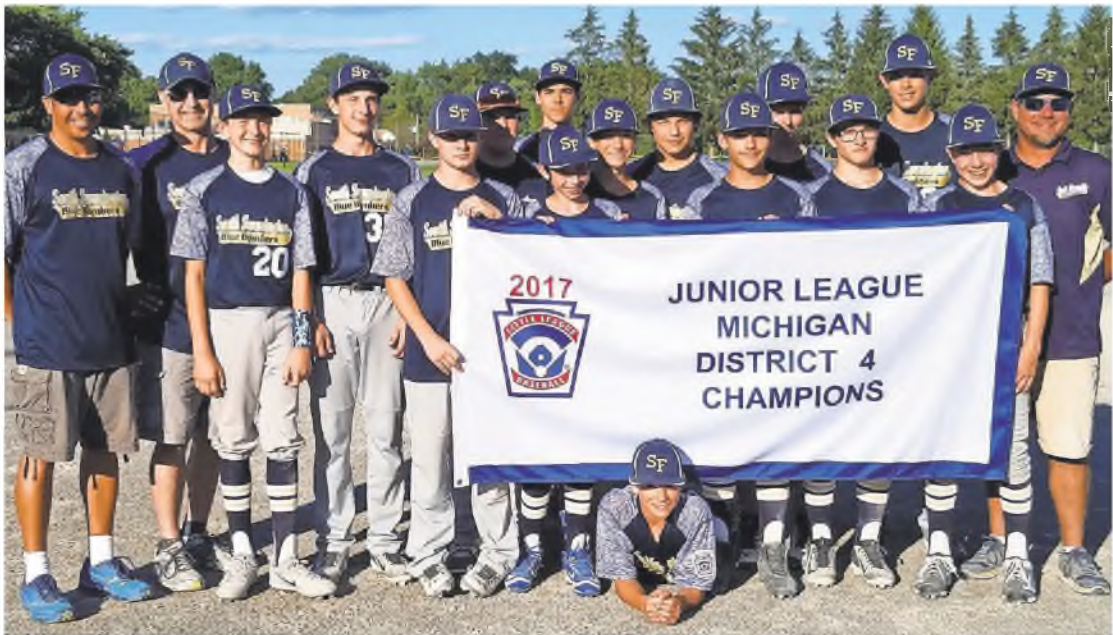
South Farmington will play its first game at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Legacy Fields in St. Clair. Its next games are scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Junior Baseball squad was led by three players who all batted over .500 in the three games — third baseman Vince Hardy, first baseman Jack Donehue and catcher/pitcher/infielder Tyler Johnson.

The pitching staff of Gabe Smith, Mike Crawley and Johnson was superb as it allowed just six hits combined in 13 total innings.

"I didn't actually expect to dominate the way we did," Johnson said. "We're not an overpowering team. We don't hit home runs every game, but we just put the ball in play every game and try to play a small-ball game."

"We just kept going. The kids were focused and the end result was there, I guess," he added. "We just got a lot of key hits when we had runners on. It was a total team effort, that's all I can say."



South Farmington Little League's Junior Baseball team won its third straight district championship. Team members include Danny Brenner, Ryan Angeliu, Jack Donehue, Zach Ivanac, Isaac Brendel, Gabe Smith, Steven Ihm, Peter Barraco, Tyler Johnson, Ian Width, Eoin Hubbard, Mike Crawley, Vince Hardy and Jonah Musial.

South Farmington's will play the Taylor Little League representative in a best-of-three section series, with the winner advancing to the eight-team state championship tournament. The teams will play a doubleheader at noon Saturday at Harrison and a third game,

if necessary, would be played at noon Sunday.

Johnson is confident his boys are ready for the sectional.

"With this team, they are pretty focused," Johnson said. "There was a celebration when we won the (district) banner,

but their focus is bigger and better than that. So as long as we keep that attitude, my gut tells me we are moving on to states."

"I'm sure it will be a hard battle, but this team definitely does not have any give-up," he added.

## DIEDERICH

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sell home, auto, commercial, health, life. I'm licensed in everything, pretty much all types of insurance."

During his sophomore season at Aquinas, Diederich was second on the Saints squad with 59 ground balls and caused six turnovers as a defensive midfielder. He scored six goals and added 14 assists for 20 points, while also winning 11 face-offs en route to first team all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors.

Diederich was recruited out of CC as a defender, but his urge to play immediately during his first year with the Saints gave him the opportunity to switch to being a midfielder, something he hadn't done since the sixth grade.

"My freshman year, I came in as a long pole and they were returning three starters and I was just dying to get on the field, so I came to my coach and said I would play short stick 'd-middle,' which I had never done before," Diederich said. "It started just as a chance for me to get out on the field and maybe move back, but I actually fit in really well and I was able to use my athletic ability to be able to play both sides of the field more instead of being stuck down on defense, so it actually worked out pretty well."

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound Diederich, who also played basketball during his days at CC, was able to adapt fairly quickly.

"I don't think it was actually as much the position change as much as getting on the field and getting that chance to play," he said, "and once I got it, I just kind of ran with it and didn't want it give it up."

Aquinas finished 10-5 overall, including 4-3 in the WHAC. The Saints lost 13-6 in the WHAC championship final to Lourdes (Ohio) after upsetting top seed Indiana Tech in the semifinals, 18-17, in overtime.

"We won our first program conference playoff game (in school history), so that was a big step for us. And we got to the conference championship game and fell a little bit short of our goal, but to make that step as a program and get that first playoff win — and get over the hump — was something really special to me and all the guys on the team to be a part of that first playoff win."

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## CAMP

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being able to give kids these opportunities that don't have it — and I know they don't have it — doing stuff like feeding them breakfast, you don't realize it."

This year's Youth Football Gauntlet event has a number of sponsors to keep the cost at \$25, with Meijer serving as presenting sponsor for the 300 participants.

The usual camp elements will be there: instruction from pro and college players (former Wolverines LaMarr Woodley and Brandon Graham among them), T-shirts, autographs, prizes.

But this year's camp has the larger goal for third- through ninth-graders, integrating kids from Detroit's east side communities and providing them with unique experiences: a BMX bike show with ramps and jumps and the Detroit Pistons Flight Crew and their aerial acrobatics.

"For them to see things like that and be in an environment that's nothing like where they're from," Martin said. "They don't have opportunities to see things like that. That in itself, you remember things like that. You may not remember someone talking at you, but the visuals, it just shows them what's possible. It shows them if I work hard in school, I can go to more stuff like this."

With UAW-Ford as a partner, there's transportation to Novi and some breakfast for the kids in Detroit before they leave from UAW headquarters.

That all may seem small, but as Martin found out from UAW vice president Jimmy Settles, it's a big deal.

"He told me this story: They were at King High School and giving out the breakfast bars," Martin said. "He said kids were fighting over the bars and stuffing them in their pockets. They didn't want them for themselves, they were stuffing them in their pockets to give back to their family when they got home, because they don't have food. So it's the little things you don't think about for kids who don't have

it, because we have it. Also, I want to provide that and give them the mindset that if you work hard, you can have what you want."

There still will be counselors taking time to share experiences — where they came from, where they ended up and how they got there. Many of those stories will relate to the camp attendees, which is Martin's goal. If he saves his for last, they'll be left with a zinger.

Martin played his four years in the NFL for the Tennessee Titans and was on the Philadelphia Eagles roster last year before being waylaid by a leg injury, sending him to the free-agency pile.

Now, he's trying to make

history by returning from a high tibial osteotomy, in which the bone is cut to relieve pressure on the knee. The procedure was performed by noted Chicago orthopedic surgeon Brian Cole.

"They're doing a documentary on it because I'm actually the first NFL player to have this done," said Martin, who is training and rehabbing at former U-M trainer Mike Barwis's Plymouth facility. "He's, like, 'I want to document this because you coming back from this is going to be a big deal.' That's my vision. I get back to kicking (butt) and they're talking on TV that this is the first guy to get something like this done. Pretty cool."



RUNNING

# Road Runner Classic features Maybury Park scenery

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The 2017 Road Runner Classic Saturday, July 22 at historic Maybury State Park will provide participants a little bit everything and more.

The evening race, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will benefit the Friends of Maybury State Park.

It features an 8-kilometer run-walk, half on trail and half on pavement, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The new 5K run-walk, primarily on pavement, follows at 5:45 p.m.

The festivities for the family-style event kick off at 5 p.m. with the one-mile run-walk.

“We’ve been successful with this race for the last 14 years, so all we want to do is tweak it

every year, make it a little bit better and have a little more fun, get a little more people and put Maybury Park on the map,” NRR president Gary Haf said.

Race fees (through July 20) are \$14 (fun run), \$36 (5K and 8K). Race day registration will be \$20 (fun run) and \$40 (5K and 8K).

There will also be a \$5 discount for all high school cross country runners.

“This year, we’re kind of focusing in on having some cross country teams show up, let them come out here and let them duke it out, have some fun and share a little bit of the discount cost to them,” Haf said. “And, hopefully, we’ll see what happens.”

All participants will receive a finisher medal, along with a

tech T-shirt.

Awards, donated by Running Fit, will go to the overall and masters male and female winners, along with the top three finishers in each of the 10-year age group divisions.

Post-race activities include music, pizza, homemade baked goods and beer. There will also be family activities for children at the Maybury Farm.

“This year, our numbers are looking really good and we’re looking to have a record year, especially after last year that was the hottest year on record,” Haf said. “And we’ve tuned into some things that our runners have told us they wanted. And this year, we’re planning on having bigger medals, nicer shirts, farm animals for the kids. We’re going to have a flat-out blast.

We hope everybody comes out and makes the classic special this year.”

Maybury State Park is located off Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck. A state recreation passport is required; an annual Michigan passes can be purchased for \$11.

Packet pickup will be from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, July 22, at the Northville Running Fit store, 17783 Haggerty Road, just north of Six Mile, Livonia. Race day packet pickup starts at 3 p.m.

To register online, go to [runsignup.com](http://runsignup.com). For more information, go to [northville-roadrunners.org](http://northville-roadrunners.org).

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Top masters runner John Tarkowski (left) and Northville Road Runner president Gary Haf are promoting the NRR Classic on July 22 at Maybury State Park.

YOUTH WRESTLING



ROB WALKOWIAK

The South Lyon Matcats' Nathan Walkowiak (left) and Drake Pollins both earn medals in the USA Wrestling Kids Greco Roman & Freestyle Nationals in Atlanta, Ga.

## Matcats medal at U.S. Kids Nationals

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South Lyon Matcats’ members Nathan Walkowiak and Drake Pollins came away with medals at the USA Wrestling Kids Freestyle & Greco-Roman National Championships held June 27-29 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Walkowiak became the Matcats’ first-ever USA Wrestling national runner-up in Greco-Roman while also placing sixth

in the freestyle division.

Pollins, meanwhile, finished eighth in freestyle.

“Both wrestlers had extremely difficult brackets and a long road being required to compete and place at the state finals and Central Regional just for the opportunity to be able to compete in Atlanta,” Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. “We’re very proud of the season these two boys have had. South Lyon has a very bright wrestling future with Drake’s and Nathan’s leadership.”

Walkowiak and Pollins were among only nine Michigan participants in USA Wrestling’s Kids Triple Crown Wrestling Series, its largest event of the year.

“Both kids have worked extremely hard this season, competing nearly every weekend since late December for an opportunity to represent the Matcats and Michigan,” Richardson said.

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YOUTH WRESTLING

## Three Matcats members place first at AAU Eastern Grand Nationals

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The South Lyon Matcats came away with three individual titles last weekend at the AAU Eastern Grand Nationals held at the Wings Events Center in Kalamazoo.

The Matcats’ Jonah Koilpillai seized titles in freestyle, Greco-Roman and folkstyle for his division, while also scoring the tournament’s second fastest pin.

Aidan Meyers, a folkstyle specialist, not only captured the folkstyle championship in his age division, but also entered the age group above and came away with another crown.

Travis Richardson completed the Matcats’ hat trick, winning his second consecutive triple crown in all three styles without a point being scored against him.

“This event is the oldest youth wrestling tournament in the country that always draws very competitive wrestlers from all over the country,” Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. “While we don’t



STEVE RICHARDSON

Earning AAU Eastern Grand National wrestling titles for the Matcats were (from left) Aidan Meyers, Travis Richardson and Jonah Koilpillai.

compete in AAU on a regular basis, we recognize them as a league with a rich wrestling tradition. The fact that their Grand Nationals was in Michigan this year was a reward to the hard work these kids have put in.”

The Matcats continue their summer season July 13-16 at

the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Grand River Rumble in Lansing, a highly competitive tourney that includes 40 teams from around the county.

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PDL SOCCER

## Tie secures first-place Bucks a playoff spot

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The Michigan Bucks found themselves in another hard-fought battle Saturday night, this time with the Cincinnati Dutch Lions, resulting in scoreless draw that had a playoff feel from beginning to end at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

With the one point, the Bucks (8-1-3, 27 points) retain first place in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL Central Conference over Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) United, while extending their unbeaten streak to 12 dating back to their last loss in the second game of the PDL regular season in Dayton.

Cincinnati (5-5-2, 17 points), meanwhile, was officially eliminated from playoff contention with the tie, but played like a playoff team in one of the hardest matches the Bucks have played all season.

The Bucks have two remaining games left and a win from either would insure their 14th Great Lakes Division title and the top seed going into the Central Conference final four, with the venue to be determined for the July 21-22 tournament.

Bucks head coach Demir Muftari warned the team prior to the game to be prepared for exactly the type of match that transpired.

“Anytime you come off emotional back-to-back wins like we did against K-W last week, you are afraid of a letdown,” he said. “Then you throw a good, scrappy squad that is fighting for their own playoff lives into the mix and you get a game that is probably going to be decided on one or two plays. That is exactly what happened tonight – except we did not make the play and their goalkeeper was outstanding, keeping us off the board.”

The Bucks started the game attacking and put the Dutch Lions on their heels from the opening minutes. Captain Tom Owens nearly converted the closest opportunity in the eighth minute, when his free kick from 25 yards out hit the crossbar.

Jared Timmer (Butler) created most of the opportunities in the final third and was con-

stantly double-teamed as he kept the pressure on Cincinnati keeper Zeus de la Paz, who made four saves in the first half, two from point-blank range.

While forced to make only one first-half save, Bucks goalie Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan) continued his dominance. The Ann Arbor native registered his seventh shutout in 10 PDL matches and his 11th clean sheet of the season by turning away all four shots he faced.

The second half started out much like the first, with the Bucks attacking and the Dutch Lions doing what they had to do to contain the Bucks’ second-half substitutions, Austin Ricci (Oakland) and Francis Atuahene (Michigan).

Midway through the second half, de la Paz was forced to make three outstanding saves from distance on shots from Ricci, Atuahene and Timmer, respectively.

The game went end to end for a 10-minute span and the Bucks got a call from the referee when Atuahene went by two defenders into the penalty area and was wrestled to the ground, giving the Bucks a penalty kick in the 77th minute.

Owens put his PK attempt low to the corner, but de la Paz guessed correctly and made a great diving save to keep the game scoreless.

The Bucks need one point from their final two games to clinch the Great Lakes title and a win in one of their final two matches will insure they are the top seed with a chance to host the Central Conference tournament.

In what could be their final home game, the defending North American PDL champions finish the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, against the Derby City (Ky.) Rovers at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10 (adults) and \$5 (youths). Children 5-and-under are free.

For more ticket information, go to [www.bucksoccer.com](http://www.bucksoccer.com). You can also follow on Twitter: @MichiganBucks.

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Bucks captain Tom Owens was denied on a penalty kick in the 77th minute in a 0-0 tie with Cincinnati.



TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

# Michigan’s Au Sable is a holy spot for fishing

GARY GARTH  
SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP, MICH. — For many trout anglers, the Au Sable is the lodestone trout fishing destination. The Au Sable rises northwest of Grayling, Mich., and, flowing eastward, eventually feeds Lake Huron. The entire river system is trouty, but the prime waters center on the main stem, which forms just west of Grayling, and the south and north branches, which join the main stem east of town. Grayling (population 1,838) is the unofficial epicenter.

The North Branch once was marked by two dams, which helped move the timber downstream. The dams have long since been removed. The native fish were grayling, from which the nearby town took its name. Brown trout were introduced in 1889, brook trout a year later. Rainbows were soon added.

All salmonids need clear, cold water but brook trout and grayling demand nearly pristine water and habitat conditions. While the grayling slowly vanished, almost certainly a victim of unregulated fishing pressure, the brook, brown and rainbow trout thrived. The creel limit at the turn of the 20th century for brook trout was 50 fish a day.

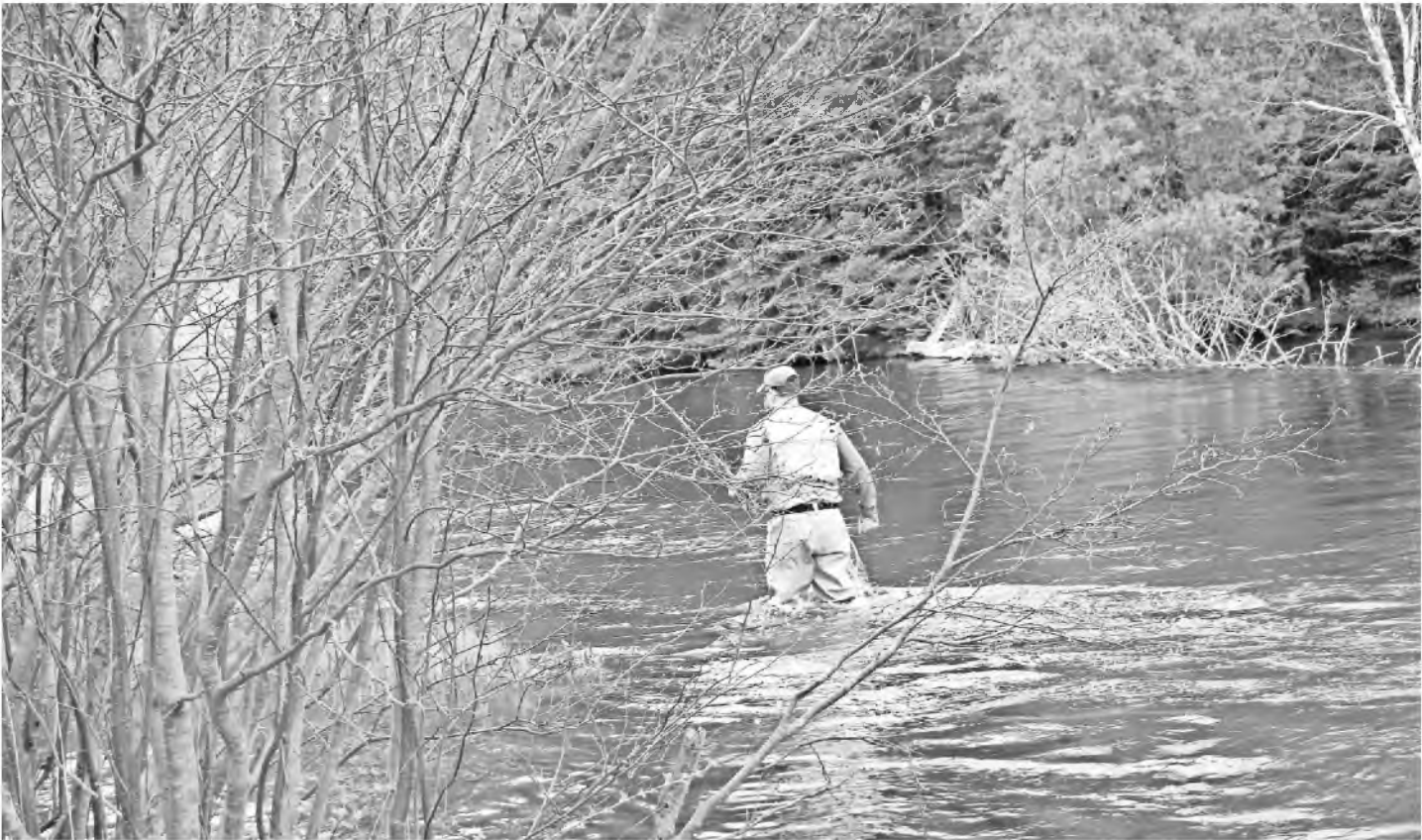
World-class waters

About 10 miles east of Grayling on the south bank of the main stem of the Au Sable, Josh Greenberg is seated at a desk in the cluttered corner of a building that resembles a barn but is in fact a storage building/garage/office. Checking his e-mail, Greenberg wants to get as much work as possible out of the way. He promised his son an evening fishing trip.

Greenberg is the owner/operator of Gates of Au Sable Lodge, a piece of real estate that arguably fronts one of the finest stretches of some of the best trout water in the world. Gates Lodge also is completely without pretense. It's comfortable and efficient, totally focused on the fishing, surprisingly affordable and extremely popular. The fly shop is superb. So is the restaurant. Make reservations early.

The lodge borders the Au Sable's "Holy Water," a stretch from Burton's Landing to the Wakeley Bridge, just upstream from where the south branch enters the main stem.

The Au Sable's Holy Water is catch-and-release, fly fishing only.



PHOTOS BY GARY GARTH, SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY  
An angler enters the "Holy Water" section of the Au Sable. This stretch harbors an estimated 4,000 trout per mile.

Greenberg says this stretch can harbor up to 4,000 fish per mile. Mostly brook and brown trout with a healthy population of rainbows, too. All wild fish.

Pressured, wild trout rarely give a fisherman a second chance on a missed strike or bungled cast.

"We have intense fishing pressure. We do," Greenberg acknowledges.

"It's also probably one of the best places to catch lots of wild trout."

The Au Sable is largely spring fed and while some stretches are accessible only by boat and others best fished by boat, much of the main stem including and surrounding the Holy Water and the north and south forks are wadeable. Public access is surprisingly good.

"There are fisherman trails along these banks that are 100 years old," Greenberg notes. "And they're shared by landowners. There's a sense of communal health. That, to me, is unique."

The Au Sable also produces tremen-

dous bug hatches. Dry fly fishing can be, and often is, phenomenal.

How good?

"For six months of the year the Au Sable is one of the very best dry-fly rivers in the country. That usually starts in (late) April and it really does go into October. A lot of our fly fishers don't bring anything with them but dry flies. And in June you can wade out and catch a trout on a dry fly 24 hours a day.

The other half of the year, many Au Sable anglers beef up both their tackle and approach, switching to large streamers and sinking tip line.

**Catching a magic moment**

Late afternoon and upstream from the Thendara Road access, the Au Sable is dimpling as though being tattered with raindrops.

Only it's not raining. The dimples are fish rising to a fog-like insect hatch. Likely Hendrickson spinners, according to the clerk at the fly shop.

I tie on the smallest Adams in my

box; a generic, general-use dry fly imitator and a pattern that came out of Michigan nearly a century ago. A size 18.

Two casts. Two fish. Both brook trout. One about the size of a TV remote control. One about that big plus a couple of inches.

I wade upstream cautiously, staying close to the south shore and lobbing roll casts upstream, toward the heart of the river.

It's not a fish every cast or every other cast, but action is steady. Then the bugs vanish nearly as quickly as they appeared and it becomes cast, cast, cast, cast ... occasional strike. Then the bugs reappear. You take what the river gives you.

I later relay this to Greenberg, who nods knowingly.

"There's a river full of trout that's hard to catch. And in order to catch them, you have to learn the ways of the river."

TRAVEL: 10 BEST

# AMERICA BEYOND THE BORDERS

This Fourth of July, think outside the 50 states. American presence is found across the globe in territories, commonwealths and independent lands that were once part of the country, says travel writer **Doug Mack**, author of *The Not-Quite States of America* (Norton, \$26.95). "These are places that we forgot about. They helped make the USA a global power." He shares some far-flung sites that have surprising American heritage with **Larry Bleiberg** for USA TODAY.

AMERICAN SAMOA

This Pacific outpost provides a startling blend of Polynesian and American traditions. For example, most residents live in villages, where property is communally owned, but they shop at grocery stores selling Tex-Mex foods because so many residents have lived in California and the Southwest. The territory's home to the only national park south of the equator, and has the highest rate of military enlistment of any state or territory. "People really do have a sense of patriotism, and pride," Mack says. [americansamoa.gov](#)

PUERTO RICO

This Caribbean island has been linked with the territory since the Spanish-American War. Now in the middle of an economic crisis, citizens voted in a non-binding referendum earlier this month to become the 51<sup>st</sup> state, an unlikely scenario that would require Congressional approval. Politics aside, Mack says it's a great place to visit. "My favorite part of Puerto Rico is up in the mountains, where there are lots of really cool small towns with beautiful historic architecture," he says. [seepuertorico.com](#)

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Most territories came as the spoils of war, but the USA flat-out purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark 100 years ago during the First World War. While the three major islands, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, had strategic value, they're also beautiful, Mack says. "People there are very proud to be Americans." [visitusvi.com](#)

GUAM

With malls, amusement parks and a huge U.S. Air Force base, visitors can tell immediately that this Pacific Island



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
The Pacific outpost of American Samoa includes incredible tropical wildlife and diving opportunities, along with a startling blend of Polynesian and American traditions.

territory is part of the homeland. "I'm convinced it's one of the best barbecue regions in the U.S.," Mack says. "Guam looks and feels pretty American. Asian tourists come to get a taste of the United States and to do some shopping." [visitguam.com](#)

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

This area played a major role in the Second World War, and officially joined the USA as a commonwealth in 1976. It was once the world's business airfield, and served as the staging area for the missions that dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Now, it's a quiet, contemplative place, Mack says. "There are these old Japanese and American military buildings and abandoned runways." [mymarianas.com](#)

PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Although the zone longer exists, the USA controlled the canal and a narrow adjoining strip of land for much of the 20<sup>th</sup> century before returning control to Panama in 1979. If the 2008 election had played out differently, it also could have claimed to have produced a presi-

dent since it's where the Republican candidate, U.S. Sen. John McCain, was born. [visitpanama.com](#)

MARSHALL ISLANDS

Even though it's a member of the United Nations, this Pacific country still has strong U.S. connections, dating to the days when the military conducted nuclear tests in places like Bikini Atoll. Mack calls it a de facto territory. "They use a lot of U.S. services, like the post office. They even have their own Zip Code, but the stamps themselves are Marshall Island." Located in the heart of Micronesia, it's among the world's least-visited countries. [rmiembassyus.org](#)

PHILIPPINES

Acquired as part of Spanish American War, the Philippines was never keen to join the USA, and gained sovereignty after the Second World War. "There's still a pretty strong relationship between the countries," Mack says. For a while the nation even celebrated its independence day on July 4, but moved it to June 12.

[experiencephilippines.org](#)

PALAU

The U.S. briefly ruled this former Japanese colony after the Second World War. Although now a freestanding republic, U.S government departments like the Federal Emergency Management Agency still operate there today. "They are particularly well known for ecotourism and environmental stewardship," Mack says. "It has hundreds of limestone islands and in 2009, they created the world's first shark sanctuary." [pristineparadisepalau.com](#)

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Once home to the Japanese navy's largest South Pacific base, the U.S. briefly controlled this now independent nation. Today divers around the world visit to explore one of the biggest ship graveyards in the world. Others come to marvel at the mysterious abandoned coral reef city of Nan Madol. "It's listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, even though it's not officially part of the USA," Mack says. [visit-micronesia.fm](#)





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VERONICA RAMIREZ NERDWALLET

If there’s a time to indulge, it’s during vacation. Whether it’s a Michelin-star dinner or the full resort spa package, this is when you should treat yourself. But what if that seaweed body wrap stretches the limits of your budget? It’s possible to pamper yourself without overspending if you know when to make trade-offs. Not every meal has to come with white truffle shavings. Find the parts of your vacation where you can compromise, and spend your money on what matters to you.

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO MOVE AROUND.**

Staying in one place may be convenient, but changing accommodations during your stay can yield savings. Hotels in some cities, such as New York City, revolve around business trips on week-days, leaving weekends open for tourists.

“It’s a lot easier to find a hotel for \$200 per night in Manhattan on the weekend than in Brooklyn,” says travel writer Kristin Luna. The opposite is true in tourist-heavy destinations; hotels may give you a better rate if you check in on a weekday than on a Saturday.

**SIGHTSEE FOR FREE.**

Monuments like the National Mall and

Notre Dame cost nothing. Many museums, like New York’s Guggenheim and American Museum of Natural History, offer free hours every week or are donation-based. Consider stuffing your itinerary with famous and free attractions. Skip paying for a guided tour by downloading maps to your phone and using the Wi-Fi at your hotel to research attractions before you head out for the day.

**GO GROCERY SHOPPING.**

For road trips, Luna says she and her husband prepare coolers full of meals to avoid fast food on the road. Food from home comes in handy at theme parks, where a small bite can cost as much as a full meal. Just check beforehand to make sure outside food is al-



lowed. For bigger trips, visit local markets for snacks instead of eating out every time you get a little hungry. It’s similar to a technique you may use at home: Eat cheaply to save for special occasions. But unlike at home, your occasion may be once every day.

**GET AROUND LIKE A LOCAL.**

Taxis and rental cars can be expensive. Take public transportation if you can, especially in big cities like London, Tokyo and New York. Research your options to see if there’s a stop near where you’re staying. And while you’re at it, find out the transit system’s peak times so you can avoid the stress of rush hour.

**OTHER STEPS**

Of course, there are several other steps you can take to reduce vacation costs:

- » Check out international phone options, such as prepaid phones or going Wi-Fi-only
- » Find your in-network ATM locations
- » Read up on exchange fees if necessary, and find the cheapest places to exchange currency
- » Give your bank a heads-up about your travel so it doesn’t freeze your accounts unexpectedly
- » If you have a rewards card, use points for eligible flights and hotels

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# Modern financial problems have fixes

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THE MOTLEY FOOL

**CREDIT CARD DEBT**

The first general-purpose credit card, the BankAmericard (now known as Visa), appeared on the scene in 1966. In the years since, credit cards have proliferated to the point where the average American now holds 2.6 credit cards — and \$8,377 in credit card debt.

**How to fix it:** Temporarily cutting back on non-essential expenses can help a lot, because the faster you pay off that debt, the less interest you’ll pay and therefore the less money you’ll need to pay off the whole thing.

**SAVING FOR RETIREMENT**

Once upon a time, everyone worked for the same company their whole working lives, and at the end of their career they retired with a fat pension. Today, only 32% of retirees have any pension at all, and that number is trending steeply downward as employer pensions continue to vanish. That means the responsibility for financing a worker’s retirement falls almost entirely on the worker.

**How to fix it:** The earlier you start saving for retirement, the easier it will be. If you didn’t start saving right away, though, your case is not hopeless. Work-



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ers today have access to powerful tax-advantaged retirement accounts, like 401(k)s and IRAs, that can help maximize whatever savings they manage to accrue.

**IDENTITY THEFT**

While identity theft in one form or another is probably as old as mankind, it didn’t become a significant issue until

fairly recently. For example, the rise of credit cards meant that fraudsters could simply steal someone’s wallet and go on a spending spree with their cards. And computers and the Internet provide fraudsters with unprecedented access to sensitive financial information.

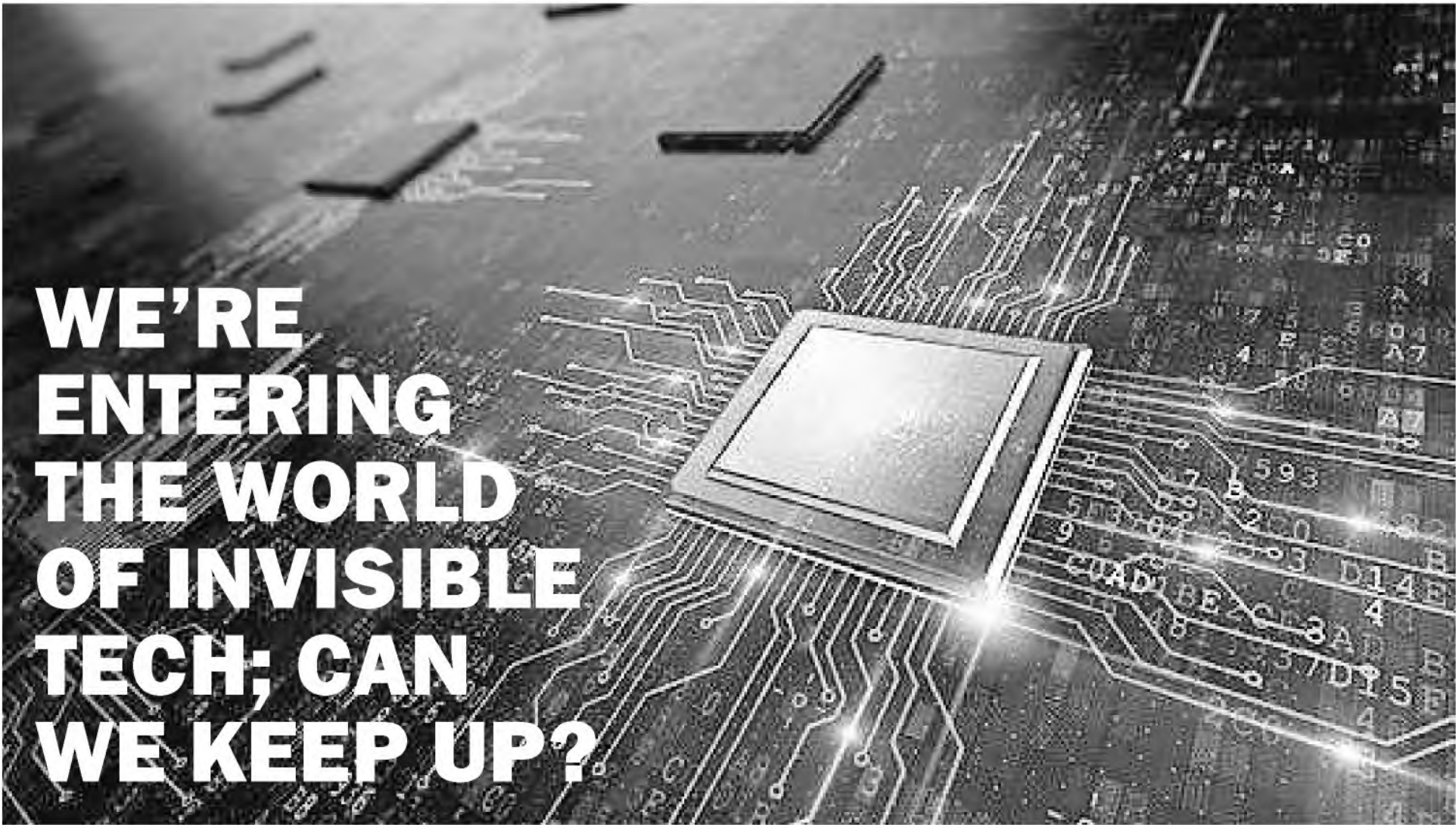
**How to fix it:** The first step in preventing identity theft is making it hard for people to get at your financial information. Checking your credit report on a regular basis can also help you catch fraud early on.

**HIGH HEALTH CARE COSTS**

The health care industry has made huge scientific advances in the past 50 years, but all that work has come at a very literal cost. In 1967, Americans spent \$43.5 billion on health care expenses. In 2016, we spent \$3.4 trillion, which adds up to about \$10,350 per person.

**How to fix it:** Health insurance is a financial necessity; virtually no one can pay such high costs unassisted. You can save on insurance premiums by picking up a high-deductible plan paired with an HSA, then putting enough in the HSA to cover at least one year’s deductible. That way, you’ll have enough saved up to pay for any medical expenses until insurance kicks in.





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FOSTER CITY, CALIF. It's a well-proven fact in the tech world that timing is everything.

Indeed, the history of the tech industry is littered with examples of companies who had great ideas but brought them to market too early or without enough context for them to really register with the buying public.

Apple Newton anyone? Or how about Microsoft's first Windows XP-based Tablet PC?

At the midpoint of 2017, we're about to enter an era of technological development in which some of the most interesting innovations aren't likely to be as visible as many of our high-tech gadgets and friendly apps have been. The real magic of many of these new tech advances will be nearly invisible.

Artificial intelligence, voice and gesture-driven computing and autonomous driving all provide different ways to interact with many of the devices and products we already know. In some cases, they'll lead to new products — such as Amazon's popular Echo line of smart speakers equipped with the Alexa digital assistant — but in others, there likely won't be much or any physical manifestations of these developments. Instead, if these techs work as intended, they'll start to disappear into the workings of the world and devices already around us.

Ironically, while it might seem easier to adapt to these new technologies because of their more invisible nature, I think it's going to be a lot harder. As a result, timing for tech products and services is going to be more challenging than ever.

An easy example: autonomous driving. Cars that feature assisted and au-

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tonomous driving capabilities is an exciting development many people are looking forward to, but a large percentage are concerned about this tech advancement.

Most of this fear is of the unknown, and a few studies have started to show that once people get some experience in cars that include these autonomous or assisted-driving features, those concerns often get replaced with enthusiasm.

We're also going to see a lot of software and services that use artificial in-

telligence or deep learning to improve the usefulness of existing experiences — making better recommendations for music, movies, restaurants and even friends.

At the end of the day, it's a question of trust. Once people come to trust a technology, they're much more likely to use it. But when much of that technology is essentially invisible, it's going to be a lot harder to earn that trust.

Tech companies would be foolish to ignore the fact that people don't always progress or evolve as fast as technology does. Yes, there are some incredibly exciting developments just over the horizon, but unless enough people are ready for them, their success is far from guaranteed.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

# Ready to leave digital universe?

You can't remove everything, but you can remove a lot of online information

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Data breaches. Identity theft. Bank fraud. Every week, we read about cybercrime.

Maybe you've considered the unthinkable: removing yourself from the Internet.

Well, there's bad news and good news. You can't erase yourself completely from the digital universe. Courts and government agencies have been posting public records online since the mid-1990s. Your motor vehicle records, voter files, property tax assessments, professional licenses, and court files are all on the digital books, and they're not going anywhere.

The good news: You can remove a lot of online information and significantly reduce your digital footprint. Here's how: .

**DELETE ONLINE ACCOUNTS**

You probably have more online accounts than you realize — most of us do. We sign up for all sorts of services, from Netflix and Amazon to Groupon and Twitter. Even if you haven't downloaded an app in years, Apple, Facebook or Google still possess a lot of private information, along with many other services. If you really want to terminate your Internet presence, you'll want to eliminate these accounts, especially the ones you don't use anymore.

The easiest way to do this is Account Killer, a website that provides links to your most popular accounts and instructions on how to wipe the slate clean.

**GET OFF DATA BROKER SITES**

You'll probably find this creepy. Are you sitting down? OK: Almost anyone can learn your phone number, home address and criminal record. All they have to do is pay a little money to a "data broker," also known as a "people-search site." Often, the information is free.

Primary data brokers like Intelius collect information from public records. Secondary data brokers, like Spo-



Remove yourself from the Internet? It's not totally possible, but you can start by deleting your search history.

**There are several ways to delete yourself from the Internet**

keo, aggregate information from primary brokers and usually add data collected from social networks and other online sources.

If you want to have your information removed from data broker sites, you need to contact them and request to opt out.

**CLOSE EMAIL ACCOUNTS**

This is a very big step. Email is still the most popular method of communica-

tion in the world, and email addresses are used for all kinds digital transactions, including online banking.

It's not enough to just stop using email. If you leave an account open and fail to monitor it, your account could get hacked without you even realizing.

Gmail is the most popular service out there, with more than 1 billion users. Before you close your account, make sure you've downloaded and saved all of your old data, because you never know when it might become important.

Login and visit the "Account Preferences" page, then Delete Products, then hit Gmail. Follow the instructions, and finally hit "Delete Gmail."

Yahoo is still a popular choice, despite widespread data breaches. Go to

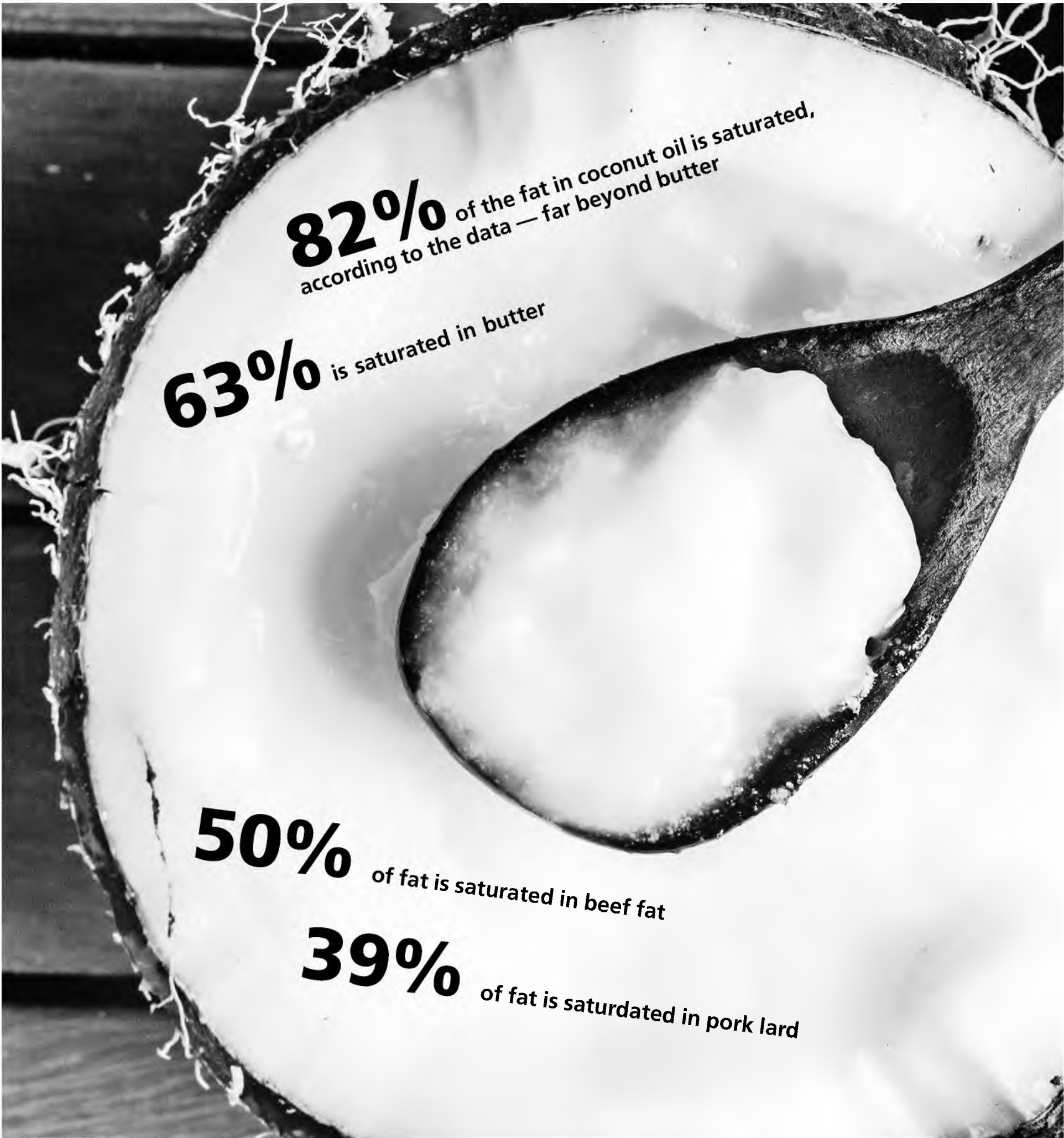
the "Terminating your Yahoo account" page. Confirm your password. Click Terminate this Account. But remember, if you do close your Yahoo account, you will not be able to use services associated with it, such as Flickr and Tumblr.

**USE A VPN**

So if you're not ready to end your virtual activities, you can make your browsing a lot more private, thanks to a "virtual private network," or VPN. You can use this secure network to encrypt your connection, making it difficult to hack. In the business world, VPNs let employees working remotely create an encrypted connection with the company network so they can work safely. But others can use VPNs too.



# Experts say coconut oil’s benefits are a myth



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Saturated fat is a loaded term. While the AHA warns against it, people who cut saturated fat out of their diet might not lower their heart disease risk.

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The American Heart Association recently released a report advising against the use of coconut oil. The Dietary Fats and Cardiovascular Disease advisory reviewed existing data on saturated fat, showing coconut oil increased LDL (“bad”) cholesterol in seven out of seven controlled trials. Researchers didn’t see a difference between coconut oil and other oils high in saturated fat, like butter, beef fat and palm oil. In fact, 82% of the fat in coconut oil is saturated, according to the data — far beyond butter (63%), beef fat (50%) and pork lard (39%). “Because coconut oil increases LDL cholesterol, a cause of CVD (cardiovascular disease), and has no

known offsetting favorable effects, we advise against the use of coconut oil,” the American Heart Association said in the advisory. Frank Sacks, lead author on the report, said he has no idea why people think coconut oil is healthy. It’s almost 100% fat. Past weight-loss studies might be responsible. “The reason coconut oil is so popular for weight loss is partly due to my research on medium chain triglycerides,” Marie-Pierre St-Onge, associate professor of nutritional medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, told *Time* in April. “Coconut oil has a higher proportion of medium-chain triglycerides than most other fats or oils, and my research showed eating medium-chain triglycerides may increase the rate of metabolism more than eating long-chain triglycerides.” The problem is St-Onge’s research used a “designer oil” packed with 100% MCTs. Traditional coconut oil only contains about 13 to 15%. Another study she published showed small-

er doses of MCTs doesn’t help with weight loss in overweight adolescents. The AHA recommends eating no more than 6% of saturated fat as part of total daily calories. Before you trash your coconut oil, know that saturated fat is a loaded term. While the AHA warns against it, people who cut saturated fat out of their diet might not necessarily lower their heart disease risk, a 2015 *BMJ* review suggested. That’s because some people fill the void with sugar, white flour and empty calories. Also, some fat is important to help the body absorb nutrients from other foods. Many have said butter has gotten a bad reputation. Still, it might not be a bad idea to opt for vegetable oils or olive oil, Sacks said. Plus, coconut oil can still be an effective moisturizer or hair conditioner. “You can put it on your body, but don’t put it in your body,” Sacks said.



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Democrats to meeting

The Democrats of West Oakland County will hold a meeting Tuesday, July 18, at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to

www.dwoc.info or on Facebook: Democrats of West Oakland County.

Summer concerts

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series – presented by Tom Holzer Ford – brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville’s outdoor stage in Town Square (located on Main Street across from the Marquis

Theatre) 7-9 p.m. each Friday through Aug. 25. The schedule features everything from jazz to blues to rock ‘n’ roll. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

Medical equipment drive

St. George’s Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce St., Milford, is partnering with World Medical Relief as a drop-off site for your unused medical equipment. Donate your clean, gently used walkers wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs, crutches, canes, splints, medical boots, adult briefs and pads, sealed C-Pap equipment and sealed medication (no narcotics). We are also collecting for hygiene kits: towels, wash clothes, sample sizes of shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap and toothbrushes. We cannot accept glasses, hearing aids or electric wheelchairs.

Drop-off times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday though Friday and Sunday mornings through Aug 15. We suggest you call first to ensure someone is available to take your donation during the week. For more information, go to stgeorgesmilford.org or call 248-684-0495.

Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad of White Lake will host coffee hours Friday, July 14, and Friday, Aug. 18, in White Lake, Highland and Milford. The coffee hours are at the following locations and times for both dates:

- » 8-9 a.m. at Leo’s Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, White Lake
  - » 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti’s Market, 468 S. Milford Road, Highland
  - » Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker’s of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford
- No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Health care lectures

Providence Park Hospital is offering two free health care lectures. **Normal Aging or Time for Intervention?**

Judy Ahn-Ewing, director, St. John Providence Neuroscience Services will offer this lecture 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile and Taft roads.

As we get older, we notice changes in our body: eyesight deteriorates, hair is getting gray, the bones are a little more creaky and we develop those dreaded wrinkles. But there are times when we look at our loved one and wonder: is this just forgetfulness, or are these signs of dementia? Are reaction times to a traffic light slowing down or is traffic becoming overwhelming? When is it time to look for help? Learn about signs to watch for with balance, driving, memory and more as well as how to access services for a family member, friend or yourself.

For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Do You Know What You’re Really Eating?

Emily Schwartz will offer this lecture 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi Campus, Conference Room A & B, outpatient building .

It is no secret that a healthy diet helps reduce the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity. But how do you go about it? Picking up any item in a supermarket, chances are you’re overwhelmed



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Tunes on Tuesday

Lindsey Coratti snaps a selfie of herself and her son Angelo, 2, during the June 27 Tunes on Tuesday at Northville’s Town Square. The kid-friendly weekly musical acts will occur each Tuesday through mid-August. They’re free and the square is located on Main Street between Center and Dunlap. That week’s act was Janet Marie and d’Archibald of the Children’s Theatre of Michigan.

Register for teen camp

Novi Youth Assistance announces that registration has begun for the Summer Teen Center. Camp runs until Aug. 3 and is held at the Novi High School cafeteria. Registration fee is \$175 for seven weeks of camp. Students in grades 6-10 may attend. There are 13 field trips this year: Zap Zone, Paradise Park, AirTime, BonaVenture, Detroit Tiger game, Detroit Zoo, C.J. Barrymore’s, Emagine, Novi Bowl, Kensington Park, Red Oaks Water Park. There will also be trips to the Novi Police Station, Novi Fire Station, Novi DPS and Novi Public Library.

Daily activities include, sports, games, arts and crafts, learning activities and tutoring.

Summer Teen Center has been around for more than 30 years. This is an affordable day camp teens can come to during the day open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call Novi Youth Assistance for more information or to register at 248-347-0410.

Preregister for this free event at wixomlibrary.org call 248-624-2512 or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

**Better Made in Michigan**  
Metro Detroit author Karen Dybis is going to present a colorful PowerPoint about the history of Detroit’s snack food industry 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at the Wixom Public Library.

More than 40 local chip companies once operated in the Detroit area and Better Made is the one company still making potato chips. Dybis will explain the origins of Better Made, how its chips are made today. She is the author of “Better Made in Michigan: the Salty Story of Detroit’s Best Chip” and we will have books available for purchase and autographing.

**Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts**  
The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art, and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house. To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

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Caswell



**Margaret Kathleen** , age 88, a longtime resident of Highland and Milford, went to be with the Lord July 9, 2017. Margaret was born on April 1, 1929 at home on Crystal Street in Milford, Michigan, the eldest child of Glenn and Florence Colby. Following graduation from Milford High School, Margaret was the first person to work in accounts receivable at the long tenured Highland business, “Numatics.” Margaret was an accomplished bowler in her youth, scoring several 300 games, was an avid participant in her church choir and enjoyed watching her favorite television shows, The Young and the Restless and the Andy Griffith Show. Most of all, Margaret loved and cherished her family. The young Margaret married her lifelong friend, David Caswell, in 1955 in the Milford United Methodist Church. Together they enjoyed fifty six years of marriage and were blessed with their three children. She will be fondly remembered for her kind, light hearted nature, silly sense of humor and her love, compassion and generosity for her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Caswell in 2011 and is survived by her daughters, Cynthia (the late James), Tamara (Mark) and son, David (Barbara); grandchildren, James (Angela), Jennifer (Jeffery), Jacob (Christine), Joanna (Joshua), Daniel (Jessica), Gregory, Robert (Kelli), Chelsie (Jason), Kyle, Garrett; great-grandchildren, James Colby, Emma, Kaylyn, Gabriella, Isaiah, Eric, Zachary, Nicholas, Christopher, Alexandria and Mackenzie; step-great-grandchildren, Guy, Quentin, Darin, Logan, Kiersten, Mathew; great-great-granddaughter, Adeline; brother, Glenn William Colby and many extended family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at Cornerstone Church, 4995 N. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM with visitation beginning at 9 AM. Pastor Tim Forsthoof to officiate. Burial at Oak Grove Cemetery. Contributions encouraged to Cornerstone Church of Highland. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

Earehart

**Jean Ann** , age 83, passed away July 10, 2017. She was born August 29, 1933, daughter of the late Andrew and Ernestine (Wolfe) Hann. She was the beloved wife of the late Albert “Lefty” Earehart who preceded her in death in 2003. She was the loving mother of Andrew Harry (Michelle) Earehart of Texas; Charles (Maureen) Earehart of New Hudson, Mary (Roy) Hildebrandt of Durand, and Albert “Al” (Pattie) Earehart of South Lyon. Jean is also survived by her sister Judy (Ron) Wilson of Kalkaska; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 28 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her siblings: Andrew “Sonny” Hann, Gerald “Jerry” Hann, Donna Richards and Deanna Russell . Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00AM until the time of the funeral service at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.phillipsfuneral.com



Gross



**Martha A.** , age 97, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2017. She was born on October 17, 1919 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Charles and Lennie (Beemer) Williams. She attended Northville High School; Class of 1937. Martha was united in marriage to Peter J. Gross, II on August 14, 1937; they spent 59 loving years together until his death on August 31, 1996. Martha worked as a Payroll Clerk for the City of Northville; retiring after many years. She was a devoted homemaker and cherished taking care of her family. Martha was an avid bowler. She enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, dancing, eating sweets, and attending hockey games at The Olympia. She also enjoyed gambling and watching Harness Racing at Northville Downs. Martha loved to travel; she traveled extensively throughout North America often with her grandchildren. She was very social; she liked to entertain and host card games. Everyone was always welcome, she never turned anyone away. Martha will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Martha is survived by her loving son, Charles “Chuck” (Gale) Gross; her daughter-in-law, Janet Gross; her sister, Nancy Gazley; her grandchildren, Pete (Penny) Gross, Garry (Danette) Gross, Jim Gross, Tom (Mindy) Gross, Mary Beth (Jim) Maxwell, Kenny Gross, and Chaz (Michelle) Gross; 13 great grandchildren and 14 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son Peter J. Gross, III, her parents, and her brother Jack Williams. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com



Huber

**Elsie E.** age 94, passed away July 9, 2017. She was born July 1, 1923 in Baltic, Michigan, daughter of the late Abel and Sara Luukkonen. Since she was a child, Elsie enjoyed her summers at her cottage in the Upper Peninsula. She would spend many hours collecting rocks on the shoreline of Lake Superior and never missed the chance to watch the sunset. She was a devoted, longstanding member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Elsie resided for the last two years at The Willows at Howell. She was proud of the fact that she was their first resident and she greatly appreciated the care and concern she received from the staff there and cherished the friendships she made with her fellow residents. She is survived by her children: Frank Jr. (Luann), Jeffrey, Jerry, and Tamara Bishop; three grandchildren: Brooke, Frank III, and Michael. Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 12 from 4:00PM-8:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 13 at 11:00AM at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Road, South Lyon. Elsie will be laid to rest beside her husband in South Lyon Cemetery. www.phillipsfuneral.com



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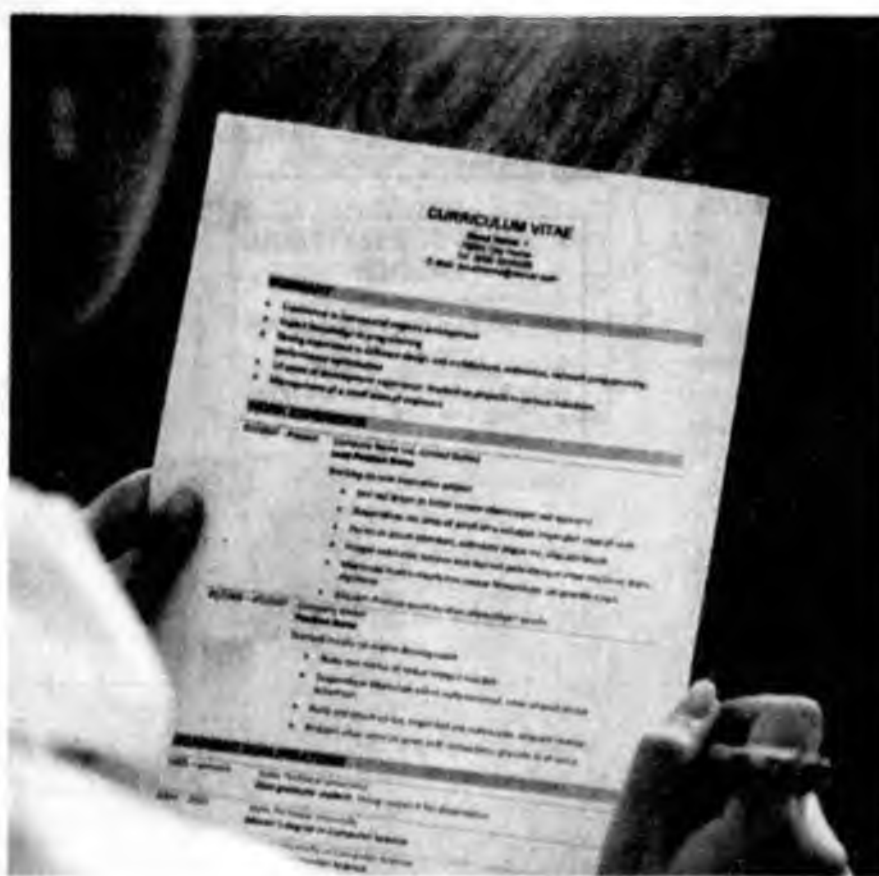
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When looking for candidates to potentially fill an open position, the majority of employers use something called an applicant tracking system (ATS) to find, collect, organize and screen all of the applications they receive. This means your resume will likely need to pass through an ATS before ever reaching human eyes. Here are a few essential tips to make sure your resume is ATS-friendly.

### Simplify contact information

Many job seekers are so focused on the professional information included in their resumes that they overlook even more basic information — their contact info. When optimizing your resume for an ATS, make sure that the system will have no problem identifying your name, email address and phone number.

"Do not put your point of contact information in the headers — some...ATS software doesn't know where to put this information when they convert the resume from the Word doc. (or PDF) into a 'text' parsing into their database," says Dawn Boyer, CEO of Boyer Consulting. "Many ATSs will simply dump the header



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and footer because the system doesn't know where to put header info. It also takes up way too much white space and page space on pages two and three (or four)."

### Use keywords

ATSs are continually growing in sophistication, but keyword identification will always be an essential component. Employers don't have time to carefully read every single resume they receive, and keywords help them quickly identify resumes that deserve a closer look.

"Recruiters and hiring managers are busy and many rely on applicant tracking systems or databases to search through resumes based on Boolean searching," says Sarah Connors, principal staffing manager at recruiting firm WinterWyman. "You might think it's obvious that as a salesperson you cold called companies, closed deals, followed up and so forth. However, if those tasks aren't listed on your resume, companies might assume you haven't done them. Moreover, you won't come up in recruit-

ers' keyword searches."

Wendi M. Weiner, an attorney, certified executive resume writer and career coach, suggests using the employer's description of the open position to identify keywords you should be using.

"Look to the job posting and highlight the keywords that stand out and include those keywords in your resume," says Weiner. "At the same time, avoid keyword stuffing, which means just throwing in as many keywords as possible, including ones that may not match your skill set."

### Use simple formatting

While you might think that a unique or unusual resume layout will help it stand out from the pack, it may actually make your resume more difficult for an ATS to make sense of, and hurt your chances of getting hired.

"Applicant tracking systems cannot decipher graphs, charts, columns or even text boxes. Therefore, make sure your resume does not contain those items," says Weiner.

### Use a standard font

Even the font you choose can impact the ATS's ability to read your resume, so stick to a very basic, standard font.

"Use one font throughout the resume — preferably a font

that easily converts to text in the parsing process," says Boyer. "I recommend Arial or Times New Roman, but as a recruiter, my preference is Arial on the original resume."

"Plainer [font] eliminates issues with the parsing engine and makes it easier for the recruiter to read the important parts without the visual interference," adds Boyer.

### Complete the application

Some online application processes require you to manually enter some information that may also appear on your resume. While this may seem unnecessary or redundant, do not skip over these steps.

"When filling out online applications, make sure to complete all portions of online submission forms," says Valerie Streif, senior advisor at The Mentat. "Answer all the filtering questions thoroughly and don't leave anything blank. The ATS could automatically eliminate resumes that leave portions of the forms blank, guaranteeing that your resume won't be seen by any live human."

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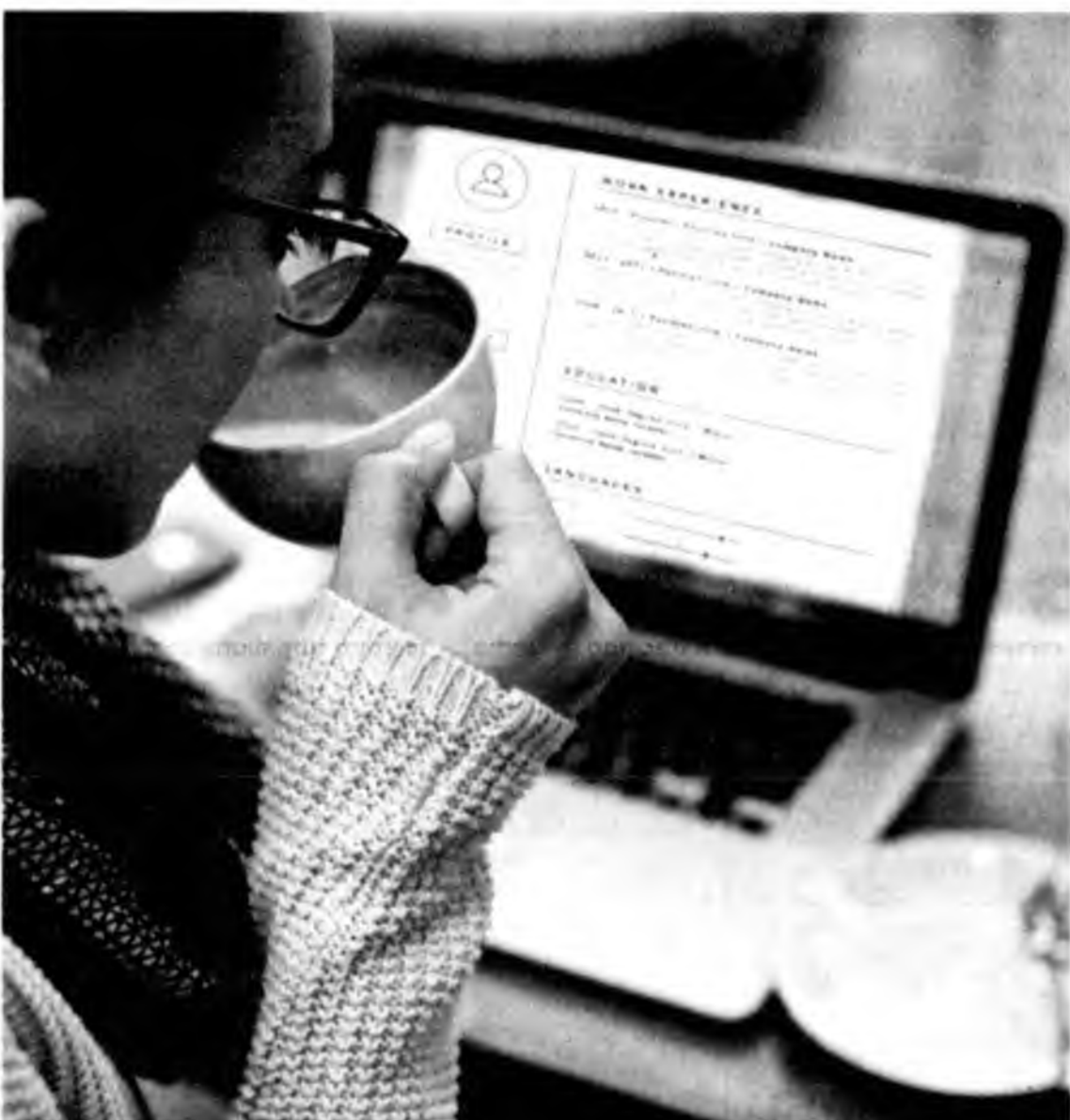
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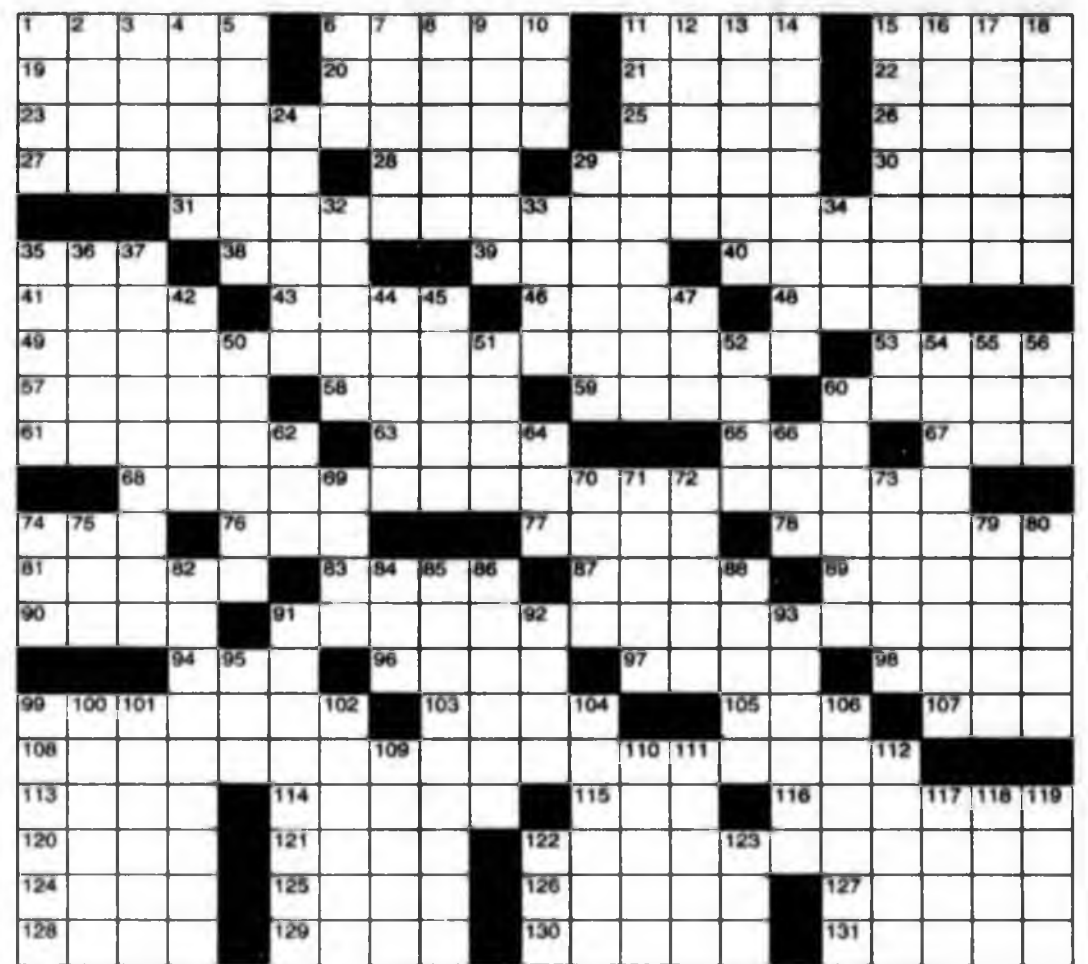
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<b>ACROSS</b> 1 Letters with twists 6 "For want of — the horse was lost" 11 "Fernando" quartet 15 Tax-deferred svcs. plans 19 Not express, as a train 20 Daring feat 21 Briny expenses 22 Roman historian 23 Start of a riddle 25 Back talk 26 Caustic compounds 27 "Silkwood" star Maryl 28 Hall, mostly 29 Paper: — 30 iPod option 31 Riddle, part 2 35 700, to 36 — 22-Across 38 — Julie, Que. 39 Morays and congers 40 Lays away 41 Momentous stretches 43 "Silkwood" star 48 Skinny 49 Six-pt. scores	49 Riddle, part 3 53 One of Isaac's twins 57 Prenatal exam, briefly 58 "I'm so hungry I could — horse!" 59 J.D. Salinger title girl 60 Old Russian overlord 61 Movie house, in Spanish 63 Moreno of movies 65 Moo — pork 67 Rural tract 68 Riddle, part 4 74 Jackie O's Onassis 76 Feel lousy 77 — Alto, California 78 Old — (Disney dog) 81 Ridge on a fingerprint 83 — malar 87 Gilbert of "Roseanne" 89 Go away 90 Individual 91 Riddle, part 5 94 Southern of "Blind Date" 96 "Nuts!"	97 "Scat, cat!" 98 Email button 99 Flashy keyboard composition 103 Russia of the band Fun 106 German city where Einstein was born 107 Real mess 108 End of the riddle 113 Prefix with presence 114 Shutter parts 115 — de plume 116 Privy to the plot 120 City in Texas 121 El — (city in Texas) 122 Riddle's answer 124 "Son of —" 125 Kuwaiti, e.g. 126 — Lodge motels 127 Fashion's Oscar de la — 128 Deep wishes 129 Parcel (out) 130 Hall 131 Bar seat	3 Injury vestige 4 Loosens up 8 Rains down cold pellets 6 Stubborn quadruped 7 Unemotional 8 Intuitive feeling 9 Cyclops' facial feature 10 Sched. guess 11 Lee Harvey Oswald and others 12 Shore area 13 Big parties 14 Approve 15 Intimities 16 Capital of Saudi Arabia 17 Broad road 18 B-board admins 24 Indifference 29 "Thoroughly Modern —" 32 Don't throw away, maybe 33 Study fixture 34 The old man 35 Trim, as meat 36 Perjury, e.g. 37 Pink flower 42 Actress Jaclyn	44 Initiate 46 "Begin the tinal!" 47 "Get Shorty" studio 50 Parent of Maybeline 51 Roman orator 52 Musician John 54 Habitats for brine shrimp 55 Live 56 USSR's Cold War rival 60 Mississippi city 62 Far Eastern sash 64 Gig gear 66 "Over here!" 68 Kingly name in Norway 70 Oven for drying hops 71 Weak spots 72 Shut text 73 Butter alternatives 74 Piercing tool 75 Pi-signs link 79 Occurrence 80 "Angle Baby" singer Helen 82 Knee jerks, e.g. 84 British "Inc." (short) 86 Orderly groupings	88 Nary — (no one) 91 Serving to block junk email 92 Obsessed by 93 Shutter relative 95 Hand's home, briefly 99 Having give-and-take 100 Measure of resistance 101 Mexican resort on the Yucatan 102 Blindingly bright 104 One of JFK's sisters 106 Coal diggers 109 Tears into 110 Chocolate quaff 111 Church cries 112 Flat rental sign 117 Taboo deed 118 —, as — say — 119 Popular cookware brand 122 "Parks and —" (NBC series, for short) 123 "The Raven" poet
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## SUDOKU

	4	5			9			
6					7		2	
2		7		5				
				1			4	2
		3				6		
9	6			8				
				2		1		5
	5		1					9
			6			3	7	

Here's How It Works:  
 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

4	7	5	6	9	1	2	8	3
6	8	2	3	4	9	5	7	1
5	9	1	8	2	7	4	6	3
3	1	4	7	8	9	2	6	5
8	5	9	2	7	6	3	1	4
2	6	4	9	1	3	8	5	7
9	6	4	1	9	8	7	2	3
1	2	1	5	2	4	4	6	8
7	3	8	6	9	2	5	1	4

## RECREATION WORD SEARCH

E B B P D K G O D E R U T A N S K N F S  
 D D T E L F R N G N I E E S T H G I S T  
 S I L U N A D A I T O S G O D D N U X R  
 F K R A P C Y Y M M A I B E M B I P S A  
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 E M E X P L O R E P Y L A N O I T A N P  
 S P G E T I P S E R N T R A I L S T A Y

### WORDS

BENCHES  
 OFFROAD  
 BIKING  
 PARK  
 BUTTERFLIES  
 PLAYSET  
 CATCH  
 POOLS  
 CHILDREN  
 PRESERVATION  
 COMPASS  
 PROTECTED  
 CONCERT  
 RECREATION  
 DOGS  
 RELAXATION  
 EXPLORE  
 RESPIRE  
 FIELDS  
 RETREAT  
 GARDEN  
 SIGHTSEEING  
 GREEN  
 SLIDES  
 HIKING  
 SPORTS  
 LAKES  
 SWIMMING  
 LANDMARK  
 SWINGS  
 LANDSCAPE  
 TRAILS  
 NATIONAL  
 TRAVEL  
 NATURE  
 VACATION

**CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE**

**Crossword Answers**

ACROSS: 1. LOST, 6. HORSE, 11. FERNANDO, 15. 401K, 19. TRAIN, 20. FEAT, 21. BRINE, 22. ROMAN, 23. RIDDLE, 25. BACK, 26. CAUSTIC, 27. MARY, 28. HALL, 29. PAPER, 30. IPOD, 31. RIDDLE, 35. 700, 36. JULIE, 38. QUE, 39. MORAY, 40. LAY, 41. STRETCH, 43. SILKWOOD, 48. SKINNY, 49. SIX-POINT, 53. ONE, 57. PRENATAL, 58. HUNGRY, 59. GIRL, 60. OVERLORD, 61. MOVIE, 63. MORENO, 65. PORK, 67. TRACT, 68. RIDDLE, 74. JACKIE, 76. LOUSY, 77. ALTO, 78. OLD, 81. RIDGE, 83. MALAR, 87. GILBERT, 89. AWAY, 90. INDIVIDUAL, 91. RIDDLE, 94. SOUTHERN, 96. NUTS!

DOWN: 3. INJURY, 4. LOOSENS, 8. RAINS, 6. STUBBORN, 7. UNEMOTIONAL, 8. INTUITIVE, 9. CYCLOPS, 10. SCHEDULE, 11. LEE HARVEY, 12. SHORE, 13. BIG, 14. APPROVE, 15. INTIMITIES, 16. SAUDI, 17. BROAD, 18. BOARD, 24. INDIFFERENCE, 29. THOROUGHLY, 32. DON'T, 33. STUDY, 34. OLD, 35. TRIM, 36. PERJURY, 37. PINK, 42. ACTRESS, 44. INITIATE, 46. BEGIN, 47. GET, 50. PARENT, 51. ROMAN, 52. MUSICIAN, 54. HABITATS, 55. LIVE, 56. USSR, 60. MISSISSIPPI, 62. FAR, 64. GIG, 66. OVER, 68. KINGLY, 70. OVEN, 71. WEAK, 72. SHUT, 73. BUTTER, 74. PIERCING, 75. PI, 79. OCCURRENCE, 80. ANGLE, 82. KNEE, 84. BRITISH, 86. ORDERLY, 88. NARY, 91. SERVING, 92. OBSESSED, 93. SHUTTER, 95. HAND, 99. HAVING, 100. MEASURE, 101. MEXICAN, 102. BLINDLY, 104. ONE, 106. COAL, 109. TEARS, 110. CHOCOLATE, 111. CHURCH, 112. FLAT, 117. TABOO, 118. SAY, 119. POPULAR, 122. PARKS, 123. THE

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- \*Living room with natural fireplace leading to the office
- \*First floor laundry and pool

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- \*This home features three bedrooms and two bathrooms on 1.12 acres
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- \*Insulated heated garage and river rock fireplace.

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